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## Mayor Disagrees With Numbers On School Budget

by Kathy Cassanelli  
 News Editor

At its March 8th meeting, the School Committee began its budget deliberations for the fiscal year 1995.

Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder presented the committee with a record-breaking request of \$17,098,521, which represents an increase of 7.9% over last year's budget. After meeting with officials from the State Department of Education, Ryder said he expects the state will provide an additional \$1.25 million in aid to Agawam schools to cover the 7.9% increase in his spending proposal.

Ryder said his figures from the state are "not perfect," but are the best approximation of expected state aid. Ryder told the committee, "If the actual dollars are not there, I will act accordingly."

### Mayor Disagrees With Predictions

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson sharply disagreed with Ryder's predictions on the amount of state aid Agawam will receive. According to Johnson, the governor's budget presently before the State Legislature shows only \$700,000 or \$800,000 in additional funds for Agawam schools.

Johnson said the superintendent's budget has been overspent by \$400,000 to \$500,000. Johnson said he would be giving his support to tentative approval of the budget requests based on need rather than on his expectation that the requests will be approved at the level presented by the superintendent.

Ryder said he began the budget process by asking principals and department heads to identify their needs as this was the first time in four or five years that a budget freeze was not anticipated.

Ryder said that despite being "flat footed" for the past three or four years, the school system was able to maintain its professional staff in times of extreme fiscal restraint. Ryder said, "We are at the point where we have to begin to spend a few additional dollars."

Johnson disagreed with the concept that the School Department budget has been level-funded over the last few years.

"To sit back and say, to mislead the public, that the School Department budget has been level funded is simply, I'm sorry, a lie," Johnson said.

Johnson said the School Department has received an increase of over \$1 million dollars in the last two years and the department has added many positions as well.

Johnson strongly objected to the format of the budget proposal and asked Ryder to provide the committee with expense sheets for each line item in the cost centers to reflect what has already been spent of the money appropriated for each cost center, what amounts have been transferred, and what remains in each account.

Johnson said it would be a simple matter for the Superintendent's Office to prepare computer print-outs to detail the expenditures for each cost center.

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## Super Foodmart Opens With Flair



THE NEW SUPER FOODMART reopened its doors on Sunday, March 13th. Participating in the ribbon cutting are, from left - Todd Emanuel, store manager James Maloney, James D. Taylor (Town Council president), Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Waldbaum's President Kenneth Abrahams, George Bitzas (Town Council vice-president), Police Captain Robert Campbell, Walter Balboni (town councilor), and Thomas Spagua. MANY MORE PHOTOS in Spotlight On Business. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

*\$159,245 Needed For Start...*

## Agawam Country Club Gets Operating Funds To Open

by Kathy Cassanelli  
 News Editor

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson received Town Council approval of \$159,245 to operate the Agawam Country Club for the remainder of fiscal year 1994 at a special meeting of the council on Monday, March 14th.

After a lengthy discussion of the golf course budget submitted by the Mayor, the council gave the proposal its unanimous approval.

Council rules requiring three readings of a resolution before the council can take action were suspended when the council voted to give the Mayor's proposal emergency status.

The request for emergency status squeaked by with the eight votes necessary for adoption. Council President James D. Taylor and Councilor Gary Suffriti voted against the emergency preamble. Councilor Vivian Dziardziel was absent when the vote was taken.

"I have a real problem when things come before us in an emergency preamble," Suffriti said. "I don't see where this affects the health, safety, and welfare of anyone."

Johnson said the resolution called for emergency status to ensure that the tax bills for the second half of fiscal 1994 could be prepared and sent out in a timely manner.

Johnson said that under the rules of the State Department of Revenue, the town would have to appropriate the expected revenue from the golf course to run the operation for the remainder of fiscal 1994 (before the tax rate could be finalized). Johnson said if the council did not appropriate the funds, the town would be forced to transfer other funds to operate the course during fiscal 1994 or wait until fiscal 1995 (July 1st) to open the course.

Basing his figures on a consultant's study of area golf courses and on information on the costs of public utilities necessary to run Agawam Country Club in the past, Johnson projected that the course would earn \$163,146 for the 11-week golfing season remaining in fiscal 1994 (if the course opens during the third week of April as expected).

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## Town Council Agenda For March 21st Mtg.

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 3/7/94
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances

### (a) Resolutions

1. TR-94-5, A Resolution Supporting House Bill 4458, An Act Making Appropriations For Snow & Ice Removal for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1994 (Pres. Taylor).

### 7. Report of Council Committees

### 8. Elections

None.

### 9. Public Hearings

None.

### 10. Old Business

#### (a) Orders

1. TOR-94-1-(PH-94-4)-An Ordinance to amend the Code of the Town of Agawam, Ch. 180, Art. VII entitled "Business A District." (2nd Reading).
2. TOR-94-4-An Ordinance Establishing the Location of Regular and Special Meetings of the Agawam City Council (Coun. Danie)(2nd Reading).
3. TO-94-8-Voucher List (\$92.80).
4. TO-94-9-Transfer-\$6,000 from Reserve Fund (7000-5600-R551) to Building Department - Temporary Salaries (2400-5120-E287)(Mayor).

## Agawam Republican Town Comm. Reaches Full Membership

Christian Quatrone, chairman of the Agawam Republican Town Committee, recently announced that the committee has a full complement of 35 members. He did say, however, that anyone who is interested in participating on the Agawam Town Committee is welcome to become an associate member.

For more information about associate memberships, please contact Jesse Fuller at 789-0657, or Rita Moore at 786-9094.

### COUNTRY CLUB - from Page 1...

If the expected costs of running the golf course and the expected revenue runs according to the estimate presented by the Mayor, the golf course enterprise fund will end fiscal 1994 with about \$4,000 in the black.

Johnson said his estimates for projected revenue were deliberately "on the conservative side" to avoid an overly optimistic projection of the amount of money the town could expect the course to generate in its initial months of operation.

Johnson said the budget figures were based on 8,000 rounds of golf being played, which was 25 to 30 percent lower than the number of rounds predicted by the consultant's study.

#### Sponsorships & Other Advertising

Johnson said that the \$17,500 estimated for advertising costs was balanced by an equal amount expected to be generated by the sale of sponsorships and other advertising opportunities at the club. Johnson said the golf commission envisions the advertising budget to be self-sustaining. "The golf commission has decided if the money doesn't come in, it doesn't go out," Johnson noted.

According to the Mayor, the golf course marketing strategy will focus on overcoming the bad reputation the country club has earned through years of neglect. "We have to let the world know there are new owners at the Agawam Country Club ... and we want to make it a better place than it was."

### SCHOOL BUDGET - from Page 1...

Johnson complained that he was not consulted on this year's budget preparation as he had been in the past under the administration of former superintendent James V. Bruno, Jr.

#### Largest Share Of Budget Fixed Cost

Associate Superintendent of Schools Donald Charest told the committee the largest share of the School Department's budget is made up of fixed cost such as salaries, tuition, and transportation costs. Charest said this year's budget is the first time transportation costs have been more than \$1 million.

Salaries accounted for 77.9 percent of the budget with a price tag of \$13,318,602. Tuition for regular and Special Education students ac-

Of the \$159,245 appropriation of expected revenue, \$48,307 was earmarked for salaries, and the lion's share of \$54,350 was for purchased services such as utilities, repairs, maintenance, and advertising. The cost of supplies was estimated at \$46,588, and \$10,000 was set aside for equipment.

Councilor David Skolnick raised the spectre of legal entanglements ahead for the town by reading into the record a letter sent by Francis Callahan, executive director of the Pioneer Valley Building and Trades Council, AFL-CIO of Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire Counties, to State Attorney General Scott Harbarger.

Callahan's letter was a protest of the town's decision to use town employees to renovate the existing clubhouse at the Agawam Country Club. In the letter, Callahan charges that Massachusetts General Law "requires the town to put this project out to competitive bid."

Callahan cautions, "The town also faces the potential liability of triple back wages for all public employees who perform work on this project and were not paid prevailing wages."

Aware of Callahan's letter, Johnson said he has been in communication with the Attorney General's office and believes the town is on firm ground. Johnson said he expects to have more concrete information from the Attorney General's office by March 18th.

After the meeting, Skolnick said he was worried about the possible ramifications of the letter to the taxpayers of Agawam. "This could be a bomb-shell," Skolnick said.

counted for 7.5 percent at \$1,274,142. Transportation costs of \$1,065,725 accounted for 6.2 percent of the budget.

According to the information contained in the school budget, base pay for starting teachers is \$23,429 and the top base pay is \$42,525. The average base pay for teachers is \$37,893.

Teachers salaries reflect a 4.5% increase as negotiated in their contract.

The School Committee gave its tentative approval for the seven cost centers presented at the meeting. The committee is expected to examine a second group of cost centers at its next meeting. Separate workshop meetings may be held to consider some of the larger cost center due to the time constraints of the regular committee meetings.

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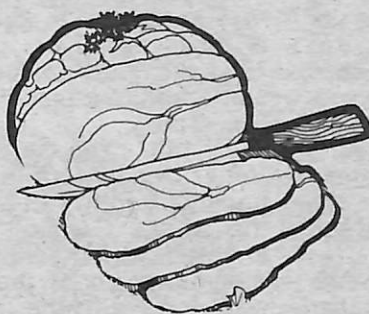
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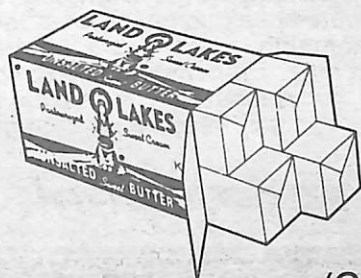


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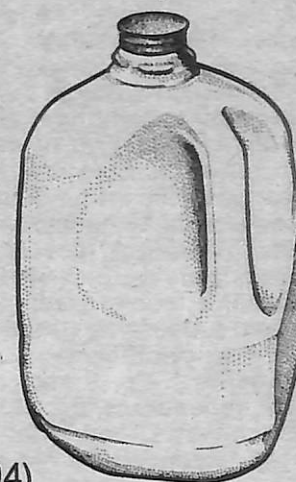
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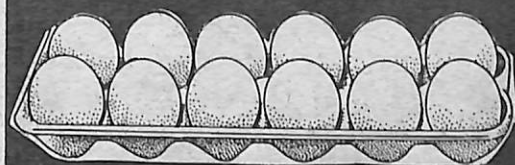


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# Editorial

Guest Editorial...

## Veterans' Services Are There For Vets & Their Families

by Ruth A. Bitzas  
Director/Agent - Western Hampden District  
Department of Veterans' Services

The present Massachusetts laws relating to veterans and their dependents administered by the State, local and district Departments of Veterans' Services provides for two major programs. One pertains to **services**, the other to financial aid and assistance known as **Veterans' Benefits** under the guidelines of Chapter 115 of the Mass. General Laws.

To most of us, the history of our program goes back to the beginning of our present State program in 1945. Actually, it goes back over 100 years, and beginning with Chapter 222 of the Acts of 1861, a program of aid and services to veterans has evolved by statute and administration to the present functioning of Veterans' Benefits and services.

Within 25 years of the passage of Chapter 222, "The Civil War Financial Relief Act," a law that protected the defenders of the union from the stigma of pauperism, under the then "poor laws," it became apparent that the federal government was not allowing certain benefits to veterans based upon their eligibility to "poor aid." This caused the states undue burden as veterans couldn't file for federal benefits such as pensions, bounties or pay back.

As a result, the Governor of Massachusetts authorized, with the advice of and consent of the council, appointments of State Agents for the settlement of pensions, bounty and payback claims by citizens of the Commonwealth to the federal government, thus "An Act to Expedite the Settlement of Claims for Pensions" was approved and enacted on May 23rd, 1888.

This program became an official "service" of the Commonwealth, to function side by side with the Veterans' "Benefits" financial state aid program. Assisting veterans with federal claims resulted in a direct savings to the Commonwealth.

To the present day, Veterans' Agents for the Commonwealth are authorized by the State to file for all federal benefits on behalf of the veterans, such as Non-service Connected Pension, Compensation, Widows' Pensions, Dependents' Indemnity Compensation, Educational and Insurance Benefits, as well as Burial Benefits and others too numerous to mention.

Since my appointment in September of 1982 as your district agent for Western Hampden District, the total amount of services secured from the federal government on behalf of district veterans totaled almost \$3 million, and our 1992-1993 total is \$255,760.00 just received from Department of Veterans' Affairs. These monies were paid directly from the federal Department of Veterans' Affairs and processing of these claims are credited to our district office.

"Benefits" are those received by veterans and/or dependents from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Town of residence. Monies expended by Veterans' Agent of each

town is reimbursed by the state at the rate of 75 percent.

In 1890, the expression "Soldiers Relief" was first used, and by Chapter 447 of that year, veterans were classified wholly apart from paupers. The law provided that, "No beneficiary shall be required to accept assistance in any alms house or public institution." Chapter 279 of the Acts of 1893 provided payment to be made at home or some suitable place determined by the Mayor or Selectmen.

In 1897, the legislature created a Soldiers' Relief Department in the City of Boston. The law became Section 18 and ultimately Chapter 115 of the Mass. General Laws. When the law was enacted, which placed Soldiers' Relief under the administration of the Commissioner's Office, it was done with the intent that no veteran would ever be classified a pauper if he fell into unfortunate circumstance. Times may have changed, but our commitment to veterans has not and should not.

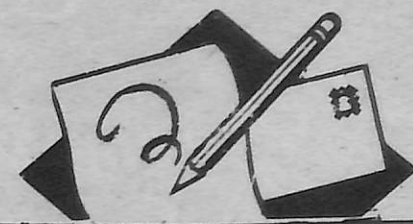
As you are aware, Chapter 115 benefits are provided through our office. The program is based upon war-time service, character of discharge, eligibility requirement, and need. Financial and medical assistance is available as well as guidance through the various agencies such as Social Security Benefits and Supplemental Security Income, fuel assistance, food stamps, and all available benefits. We check newspapers daily and send letters on behalf of towns and invite widows to come in to discuss possible benefits.

We are a one-stop center for district veterans, our purpose is to assist wherever we can. Massachusetts is first in its care and concern for our veteran population, and we can be duly proud of member towns in their commitment to those who fought to protect and maintain our precious freedoms.

Our office is located in the Agawam Town Hall. We have a handicapped entrance on the right side of the building, with a handicapped parking area. Our telephone number is 786-0400, ext. 236 or 237. Business hours are from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

As Director of the district, I am required to make home investigations in all four towns as well as hospital visits, conferences to keep abreast of changes, and periodic trips to the state office in Boston. For your convenience, I would suggest you call ahead for an appointment and please keep in mind, if you are unable to come in, I do make house calls through the district.

Veterans and their families with any questions regarding the various programs and eligibility for same are encouraged to call, keeping in mind that while there are many benefits available, you're not eligible unless you apply.



## Letters To The Editor

### Hometown Newspaper & New Community Get High Marks

#### To The Editor:

I wanted to thank *The Agawam Advertiser News* for helping me feel at home in my new place of residence.

I recently moved here from Eastern Massachusetts to take a job in Springfield. Being single and living in a new area is difficult, but I enjoy learning about my new "hometown" through your weekly paper.

I also wanted to let my new community know about a conversation I overheard at the Stop and Shop in line. I heard several teenaged kids talking about a ski meet and how well their team did. I then heard them say that they saw their school principal at the ski meet and that they were "psyched"! How wonderful! That principal's small gesture gave them a little boost in the school pride area.

Agawam is quickly becoming "home" for me, and I wanted to let you know what a wonderful job you are doing as a newspaper. It's also great to hear community people speak so positively about small but special moments.

Most sincerely yours,  
A new Agawam resident,  
Ms. Susan J. Smith

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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At St. Paul Lutheran Church,  
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Tuesday, March 22nd  
Ag. Chapter Of Mass. Citizens for Life  
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Sunday, March 27th  
"Fashions For All" fashion show  
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## LETTERS - from Page 4...

### Feeding Hills Resident Praises Agawam Coaches And Athletes

#### To The Editor:

"Congratulations" are in order for a variety of athletic teams and their respective coaches in Agawam.

First of all, congratulations to Coach Lou Conte and the Agawam High School girls' basketball team for being the Valley Wheel Co-Champion, winning the Western Massachusetts Division I Girls' Basketball Championship, and going to the State Semi-Finals in Worcester.

Congratulations to Coach Mike Martin and the Agawam High School boys' basketball team, regardless of the standings. Having fun and sportsmanship makes all the difference in the world!

Congratulations to all Agawam Athletic Association coaches and the boys' and girls' suburban and in-town basketball teams for a great season, regardless of where you finished. Playing your very best, performing excellent conduct, and having fun is what matters!

Congratulations to all the coaches and the boys' and girls' suburban basketball "Sacred Heart" teams for a wonderful season. Having fun and displaying excellent effort is what really counts!

Very truly yours,  
Clyde E.P. Benton  
Feeding Hills

### Bitzas Plans Announcement About Running For State Rep.

#### To The Editor:

Dear Residents of Agawam:

Next Wednesday (March 23rd), I will officially announce my candidacy for State Representative. With your continued support and encouragement, I feel that I can be successful in this new endeavor. I am prepared to work diligently for the people of this District.

It has been a great honor and privilege to have served three times on the City Council. I have done my best to do this with fairness, honesty, integrity, and dedication. If elected as your State Representative, I will be the people's representative and I pledge to continue my work with the

same energy and enthusiasm that I have exhibited on the City Council.

I will officially announce my candidacy for State Representative of the Third Hampden District on Wednesday evening, March 23rd, at 7:30 p.m. at the Oaks Banquet Hall on Suffield Street in Agawam. I would personally like to invite all of you to join me on this evening.

Following the announcement, please share a complimentary coffee hour with my family and I. We will be serving Greek pastries, Italian cookies, and various refreshments. Families are welcome.

Sincerely,  
George Bitzas  
Vice President  
Agawam City Council

### Why Donating Your Organs Can Save Lives

#### To The Editor:

In July of 1993, an appeal was made by Reginald Poirier of River Road, Agawam for donations to help his daughter, Shirley Belden, formerly of Agawam and now living in Sierra Vista, Arizona, who had a diseased liver, no insurance, and no way to afford the \$200,000 transplant she desperately needed.

Through much publicity, four people from Arizona set up a fund for her. The fund reached \$100,000, but it was not enough. Then miraculously, Shirley was accepted by an insurance company and she was immediately placed on a priority list for a donor.

In late February, a compatible liver was available and the transplant was done at University Medical Center in Tucson, Arizona. The operation lasted 14 hours. Shirley responded well and is recovering very well with all life supports removed. Mr. Poirier talks to her on the phone daily and reports that she will be released from the hospital soon.

Because the funds were donated to a non-profit organization, they cannot be returned. Therefore, they will remain in an account and will be used for someone else who needs a transplant but has no way to fund it. So it will be an ongoing fund.

Mr. Poirier would like to THANK all of his friends and relatives for the tremendous response to his appeal for donations and prayers, including members of the local Polish Club, the Elks Club, UNICO Club, and two funeral homes.

I would also like to appeal to people to think about making organ donations. There are so many lives that can be saved, but many more organs must be made available.

Only when someone close to you needs something like this do you realize how important it can be to save a life. So, PLEASE consider it in the future.

God bless you.

With Sincere Thanks  
Reginald Poirier

### Agawam Knights Of Columbus Thanks Public For Generosity

#### To The Editor:

The John F. Kennedy Council No. 5585 of the Knights of Columbus based at St. John the Evangelist Church, Agawam, would like to thank the citizens of our town for their tremendous support of our third annual Winter Craft Fair.

Without this support, we would not be able to continue our local charitable and civic work; e.g., support of the Renaissance program at Agawam High School and the Teen Encounter Program of Western Mass., etc.

The Knights of Columbus is a 112 year-old fraternal organization dedicated to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Membership is open to all Catholic men 18 years and over. The Order's charitable focus, financed by the annual Tootsie Roll Campaign, has been helping mentally and physically handicapped men and women of all ages, and mentally disabled youths in particular.

You may have seen us at the Agawam-West Springfield bridge during the Big E. Dressed in our bright yellow aprons and hats, we would have been handing out Tootsie Rolls to all who passed by. Through your generosity, we were able to raise over \$5,700 to be used in this worthwhile endeavor.

If you are interested in becoming a Knight or would like additional information on our group, please feel free to call either Grand Knight, Clem Tynan, at 786-3124, or Recorder, Frank Meagher, at 786-8023. We will be happy to meet with you or to supply you with printed material on the Knights of Columbus and its role in the community.

President, John F. Kennedy Council  
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Vested Interests Addressed  
In Community AIDS Debate

## To The Editor:

I am convinced that one of the major health problems in the world is directly related to the question of the existence of GOD. It may seem that a disease like AIDS is a medical problem or a social problem, but media treatment and sex education programs increasingly suggest that there are vested interests in the way the AIDS question is being handled in our community.

A powerful argument for the existence of GOD and for the inspiration of the Bible is the argument from morality. How a human makes moral decisions is rooted in what he believes about GOD. There has never been a system, outside of one based upon religious belief, that has worked.

History is full of great philosophical works by people like Ayn Rand and Bertrand Russell, but their systems failed even for them. The biblical system, on the other hand, works without question. Abstinence, self-discipline, and thinking of the other person are flawless moral methodologies.

That is why Sex Respect is an excellent curriculum for our students. Our present program on AIDS is confusing to me and for others. Example: Tuesday evening at the Middle School, a nurse stated HIV positive meant you had AIDS, while at the High School on Wednesday, the speakers who were HIV positive stated that HIV positive does not mean you have AIDS. Confused?

Our School Committee seems to have a love affair with condoms. They are resisting the Sex Respect program by their remarks. The condom instruction is all that the children need according to them. They fail to read FDA reports that will not brand condoms as birth control devices ... because they are not reliable.

Abstinence is 100 percent safe if taught by a teacher that believes in it, but I doubt that anyone on the School Committee has ever attended a lecture on abstinence. They will find that it involves more than two sentences.

Our present program is immoral, gives false security, and puts our children at risk. As Dr. Greatbatch, inventor of the pacemaker, says, "A condom will not keep you from getting AIDS; it will only put off the time until you get it."

We cannot save the world, as there are lawbreakers. Please call the School Committee members and persuade them to take on the Abstinence Program ... the safer road to happiness.

Very truly yours,  
Stu Smith  
Agawam

AHS Ski Parents Thank The  
Public For Its Support

## To The Editor:

We would like to give a big "thank you" from the Ski Parents Association and Ski Team to all the area businesses, residents, and *The Agawam Advertiser*, who have given their support this year both financially and morally.

As our daughter is a senior, we will no longer be actively involved in the Ski Parents Association, but we do want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Coach Graveline and Coach Olsen for their continued dedication to the sport through some of the most severe winters we can imagine.

Another thank you to the coaches for the special plaque that was given to us from them at our banquet; it will always remind us of many special moments.

Last but not least, a final "special" thank you to the rest of the Parents Association Board, Larry Scherpa, and Ed McDade, who exemplify the true meaning of parents who care. Your support these past years has been more than appreciated. We worked well together as a team, and as a team we wish all the best to next year's ski parents and ski team. We'll miss you.

Sincerely,  
Agawam Ski Parents Association  
Sandra DeLuce, Secretary  
John DeLuce, President

## My Pearl

*Marth 17th that bright green morn  
A little special jewel was born  
She is so special to the world  
My oyster with a precious pearl*

*Rough around the outside  
But beautiful and wise  
When she opens up her heart  
She's full of wonderful surprise*

*New beginning with distant dreams  
And stories still untold  
Each day brings new adventure  
As she grows with future goals*

*Mother of pearl complexion  
With eyes of deep sea sand  
Her hair shines bright with glowing sun  
With tiny soft white hands*

*She's grown to be a lady  
With a face of bright moon beams  
More beautiful than ever  
My pearl has turned sixteen.*

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## Looking Back...

Compiled and edited by  
David C. Gallano

### MARCH 1973

#### MARCH 9th - POLICE ARRESTED 90 IN FEBRUARY

Police Chief R. Kenneth Grady today released the police report for February. Ninety arrests were made and 19 persons were injured in auto accidents. Thirty-five town residents and 18 out-of-town drivers were involved in accidents.

The department checked 600 businesses and found 32 open and secured them. There were 12 dog complaints, 28 summonses served, and six parking tickets given out.

#### MARCH 12th - BOARD STALLS AREA DUMP PLAN

The Conservation Commission today called for the town to "cease and desist from any action conducive to the establishment of a regional waste disposal area in the town."

Jeffrey Reynolds, chairman, said the Commission would call for an in-depth environmental impact study of any wetland area designated for a regional sanitary landfill.

The Commission has also recommended to Town Manager James Westman that the town refuse to extend the boundaries of any existing dump sites, specifically Bondi's Island and the Agawam Meadows, located off Main Street.

#### MARCH 14th - PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS DEFEND OCCUPATIONS

Those factors which caused Agawam Town Manager James D. Westman to ask the Planning Board members for their resignations are what

## "Street Of Flags" Being Planned By Ag. Vets Council

The Agawam Veterans' Council is busy planning a "Street of Flags" and hopes to complete the project in time for the town's Memorial Day Parade and ceremonies.

Town Councillor Thomas Ennis has offered to help with the project, which will include approximately 30 three-foot by five-foot flags to line the parade route beginning at the Main Street Route 57 overpass and ending at the Veterans' Green, where annual Memorial Day ceremonies will be held on Memorial Day, May 30th.

The estimated cost of each flag and bracket is \$15 and the Veteran's Council invites town residents to help by "Sponsoring a Flag."

Please send your check to the Veterans' Service Office, Town Hall, 36 Main St., and make checks payable to "Agawam Veterans' Council Gift Fund."

The upcoming year will be very special as we will be honoring all World War II veterans. As of this date, 114 cities and towns across the nation have been designated as a "Commemorative Community" by the Secretary of the Army. Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas has written to Deputy Executive Director James Olmes, requesting that Western Hampden District Towns of Agawam, Southwick, Granville, and Tolland be granted the designation citing several Veterans' Council and service organization projects held to honor World War II veterans.

If granted, each community will receive a three-foot by four-foot commemorative flag to help all remember those who served and preserved the freedoms we all enjoy during the specially designated period of June 1994 through June 1995.

Members of the Veterans' Council appreciate all of the help given by American Legion Post 185 and VFW Post 1632. Please help if you can.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM LIQUOR LICENSING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given under General Laws, Chapter 138, that Bobby's Lounge, Robert Loizzo, Manager, has applied for Alter of Premises. Building consisting of: Additional 3,000 Square Feet for dining/lounge area to be used for entertainment and banquet facilities. Additional seating for 40 people. Additional restrooms-handicap accessible. Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, April 12, 1994, at 7:00 P.M., in the Faolin Peirce Room, Agawam Police Headquarters, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

AGAWAM LIQUOR LICENSING COMMISSION  
RICHARD A. DILULLO, CHAIRMAN  
JOHN J. CHRISCOLA, JR.  
ROBERT VANDERHOOF /BAM

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made them valuable to the town, Chairman Charles Calabrese said.

Albert J. Bonavita, another member, agreed with Calabrese, saying the board members' technical knowledge was a "valuable asset" to the town.

The five-man board, whose members spend an average of 15 hours a week on Planning Board business, receive no pay.

#### MARCH 14th - COUNCIL RECEIVES BUS ROUTE PLAN

The Town Council received a recommendation for the Bus Transportation Study Committee Tuesday to bring to an end the Main Street bus route.

Harry Minnette, vice-chairman of the committee formed in April of last year, said at the council workshop session that the Springfield-Agawam Bus Line was losing \$1,100 a month on the total operation.

Minnette said the Study Committee's survey found that residents were in fact in favor of the bus route, but relied on it mostly as a back-up service.

#### MARCH 16th - ASSESSOR DEFENDS GASLAND CONDOMINIUM PLAN

Construction of apartment houses here can cut the local tax rate \$3.50 per year, Assessors' Chairman Rudy Altobelli claimed today.

He was speaking in support of an application for a zone change by Gasland to erect condominiums at the corner of South and Suffield Streets. According to Altobelli, it represents a possible \$18 million assessment on 668 condominiums.

Altobelli said he strongly favors the Gasland zone change because "multi-dwelling units do help increase tax base."

#### MARCH 20th - COUNCIL REJECTS SUBSIDY FOR BUS ROUTE

The Town Council voted to accept the recommendations of its Bus Transportation Study Committee to allow the Springfield-Agawam Main Street run to come to an end in two weeks.

The Council's 14-1 vote, with only Council member Joseph Lovotti voting against accepting the committee report, means that as of April 2nd, the only bus route in town will be the Feeding Hills route and the Saturday Main Street run.

#### MARCH 22nd - SCHOOL BOARD HIKES BUDGET 19 PERCENT

School Committee Chairman Frank R. Locke said at the committee's budget hearing Wednesday that kindergarten and the new Junior High School were major factors in the 18.7 percent increase in the proposed 18-month budget.

Without the kindergarten and new Junior High School, the increase is 10.9 percent. The total proposed school budget is \$6,746,385.

Cost per student in Agawam in 1972 was \$739, compared with the state average of \$964. It is lower than per-pupil cost in the Springfield suburban area.

#### MARCH 23rd - SCHOOL BUILDERS NEED FUNDS TO COMPLETE JUNIOR HIGH

The School Building Committee has submitted a request to Town Manager James D. Westman for \$125,000 to complete site construction at the new Junior High School, it was learned today.

The request includes construction of a road from the school to Shoemaker Lane, a sidewalk connecting the school to South West Street, four tennis courts, and an additional parking lot.

"The proposed road and sidewalk will cut down on bus transportation," Committee member Walter Balboni said. "Many more students would be able to walk to the school." The existing parking lot has 65 spaces. "Not enough when the school is fully open and townspeople are also using the facilities," he added.



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## FireWise

### by Fire Chief David Pisano Reporting A Fire... Or Any Emergency

All too frequently we hear of tragic stories regarding people who call to report their house is on fire, yet in their fright forget to tell the fire dispatcher their address. Others claim they called the fire department and the dispatcher kept them on the telephone asking questions.

However, what seems (at the time) like needless questions will actually aid the fire department in getting assistance quickly to your home.

- In the event you are in a residence or building that catches fire, evacuate the building and call the fire department (911) from a neighbor's telephone or nearby office building.

- When the dispatcher answers, inform him or her that you are reporting a fire emergency. Tell them your name. The dispatcher may ask you to spell your name.

- The dispatcher will request the telephone number you are calling from, in case of an accidental disconnection or if additional information is needed.

- Next, provide the dispatcher with the address of the fire and the nearest cross street, if known. If you are in an unfamiliar area when you discover a fire and are unsure of the address, try to give the dispatcher specific landmarks (such as the name on an adjacent building) that will help the fire department locate the fire.

- Stay on the telephone until the dispatcher completes the questioning and disconnects the call.

- In the event of a medical emergency, stay calm and give the dispatcher as much information as possible as to the nature of the medical emergency. Many dispatchers have special emergency medical training and may be able to provide you with some lifesaving techniques to use until emergency help arrives.

Emergency calls made the right way help save lives. False emergency calls made as a joke are crimes that cost lives. False alarms tie up emergency telephone lines and endanger emergency personnel driving to the scene. Many dispatchers tape and trace incoming calls, and this can help apprehend those calling in false alarms.

For additional information, call the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main Street, Agawam, on THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1994 at 6:45 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of RICHARD J. WIATROWSKI, JR., who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-69 & 180-71, Paragraphs A & B, which would allow for the construction of a single family residence on a lot, which has been found to lie within the Flood Zone A at the premises identified as 67 Autumn Street.

By order of the Board of Appeals,  
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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#### PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN (never known to fail)

O Most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here you are my mother. O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.

Grateful P.J.

## Agawam Obituaries

### Robert D. Jones

Robert D. Jones, 61, of Venice, Florida, a licensed mechanic at the United Technologies Corp. Research Laboratory in East Hartford, Connecticut, died on February 28th.

Born in Springfield, Massachusetts, he lived in Agawam before moving south in 1973. He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War, and served aboard the minesweeper, USS Ellyson.

He worshipped at the Trinity United Methodist Church in North Port, Florida.

He leaves his mother, the former Helen Talmadge of Venice, Florida, with whom he lived; two sons, Roger D. of New Britain, Connecticut, and Gary S. of Agawam; a daughter, Pamela J. Brakey of Easthampton; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service was recently conducted at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church memorial fund at 4285 Wesley Lane, North Port, Florida, 34287, or the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

## In Memorium

### In Loving Memory Of Katherine Prince, Who Passed Away March 19th, 1993

*We could not control that movement of time nor can we control the destinies of those we love. The helplessness of not being able to keep you here with us is hard to live with everyday.*

*A mother brings happiness to the hearts of all who loved her. We are all grateful for a mother like you. Having your unconditional love in our lives was the greatest gift a parent can give a child and you did just that. How lucky we were. I guess I can finally admit that I was spoiled rotten because I miss it so much (a special thank you - love from your baby, Dianna Banana).*

*Many beautiful memories like those you've given others are a constant reminder of how wonderful you were. You live in our hearts and are never really gone from the quiet moments we think of you. For as long as we keep you with us in our hearts and our thoughts you will be with us always, for love which is timeless, never ceases to exist. Time has not healed our broken hearts.*

*Heartfelt pain remains from your loss. We miss you mom, mommy, mum, mother, we all called you something different but nevertheless you meant the same to all of us and it broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone for a part of all of us went with you.*

*Deeply loved and missed by all your 11 children, our families, and friends, XOXOXOXOXOX.*

### Gladys I. Iles

Gladys I. (Goodrich) Iles, 100, formerly of 75 Pleasant Street, East Longmeadow, died on February 26th in a nursing home in Agawam.

Born in Longmeadow, she lived in East Longmeadow most of her life.

She worshipped at the First Congregational Church in East Longmeadow, and belonged to the Corona Chapter of the Eastern Star, the East Longmeadow Senior Citizens, and the Golden Agers.

She was the widow of Raymond E. Iles.

Mrs. Iles leaves several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was conducted at Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield. Hafey East Longmeadow Chapels was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 7 Somers Road, East Longmeadow, 01028, or the Pioneer Valley Visiting Nurse Association, 570 College Street, P.O. Box 51947, Springfield, 01151-5947.

### Clara Paquette

Clara (LaPalme) Paquette, 97, formerly of Lee Lang Terrace, West Springfield, died in an Agawam nursing home.

Born in Canada, she lived in Agawam before moving to West Springfield in 1953. She was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church, and a member of St. Anne's Sodality.

Her husband, Honore Paquette, died in 1956.

Mrs. Paquette leaves a son, Marcel L. of Chicopee; a daughter, Rose Gonthier of West Springfield; a sister, Malda Trahan of Southbridge; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

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By order of the Board of Appeals,  
Ronald Hebert  
Chairman

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## IRS Entrusts Business As Being Caretakers Of Withholding Funds

Every business, if it is going to succeed, needs to manage its funds wisely. Sometimes, when money is tight, a business owner looks for "creative" ways to meet obligations. One area, though, should never be touched. That area is trust fund money.

Trust fund moneys are the federal income taxes and employee's portion of social security taxes that you withheld from your employees' pay. Depending on the business, they may also include withheld railroad retirement and collected excise taxes.

Every cent of the trust fund money you deduct from your employees' pay is money they earned and money for the taxes they owe. You are their trustee until you actually deposit the money. In a traditional trust fund, a trustee is charged with looking after someone else's money or assets for a period of time. In much the same way, you automatically become the temporary trustee of the money you withhold from your employees' paychecks. It may be sitting in your bank account, but legally, it's no longer your money.

If you, as trustee, either do not withhold or collect these taxes, or you collect the taxes but do not deposit them as provided by law, you may be subject to a trust fund recovery penalty equal to the amount of trust fund taxes that should have been collected and deposited.

The trustee doesn't have to be you; it may be any officer of a corporation, a member of a partnership, an individual who operates a business, an employee, or any other person who can control where the funds go.

To be subject to the trust fund recovery penalty, the trustee must intentionally choose to disregard the law. If you know about the unpaid taxes and use the funds to keep the business going or allow available funds to be paid to other creditors, you are showing willful disregard of the trust fund law, and are liable for all penalties under that law as a responsible person.

The easiest way to avoid using trust funds for other business debts is to open a special checking account solely for payroll and withholding taxes. By keeping the money in the account thoroughly separate from any regular business accounts, you will have the money available when the time comes to make your federal tax deposits or pay the taxes to the IRS.

The penalty for not keeping these trust funds safe until time to pay them is a violation under section 6672 of the Internal Revenue Code, and a business concern. The IRS can collect the Trust Fund Recovery Penalty, assessed against the responsible person through levies and seizures of assets personally belonging to that person.

More information on the Trust Fund Recovery Penalty is contained in Publication 594, *Understanding the Collection Process*, available free by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-3676.

## IRS Has Simple Recommendation For People In Business: "Stay Clean"

You can't run from it! You can't hide it! There's no way around keeping your business "clean" when it comes to cash transactions. Receipts of more than \$10,000 in one or more related transactions in your business must be reported to the Internal Revenue Service. When the law is not followed, severe criminal penalties are assessed on money launderers.

Money laundering is the process of transferring or converting funds to conceal the funds or to disguise their source or nature. The common perception of money laundering involves the proceeds from illegal activities, such as drug trafficking. However, even funds from otherwise legitimate activities are sometimes "laundered" to hide their existence.

"Structuring" is the intentional division of a transaction into a series of transactions, to disguise its real nature and to avoid Form 8300 reporting requirements. A person may make two or more related cash transactions, each less than \$10,000, but together totalling more than \$10,000. Businesses receiving such "structured" payments still must report them to the IRS when the total exceeds \$10,000.

The term "cash" includes bills, coins, cashier's checks, bank drafts, traveler's checks, and money orders if they have a face value of not more than \$10,000 received in a designated reporting transaction. This also applies to any transaction in which the payor is trying to avoid the reporting of the transaction on Form 8300.

There are criminal penalties for willfully failing to file a report, willfully filing false or fraudulent

reports, stopping or trying to stop a report from being filed, or "structuring" transactions to avoid a report. Under Title 18 of the United States Code, if you willingly fail to file Form 8300, the penalties could be as much as \$250,000 (\$500,000 for corporations), a prison sentence of up to five years, or both. Civil penalties can apply to those who fail to file a correct Form 8300, provide the required statement to those named in the Form 8300, or comply with other information reporting requirements.

Form 8300, "Report of Cash Payments Over \$10,000 Received in a Trade or Business," was created as a means of reporting cash payments received by businesses, including auto dealers, insurance agencies, real estate agents, and jewelers. Form 8300 requests information that identifies who made the payment, anyone else on whose behalf the payment was made, a description of the transaction (including method of payment), and the business reporting the payment. The form must be completed and submitted to the IRS within 15 days of receipt of the payment. If the cash was received in a number of payments, Form 8300 must be submitted within 15 days after receipt of the payment that pushed the total over \$10,000.

Publication 1544, *Reporting Cash Payments of Over \$10,000 (Received in a Trade or Business)*, covers who must file, as well as why, when and where to file, and has a filled-in sample of Form 8300. It also discusses the substantial penalties for not reporting cash payments. To get Publication 1544 or Form 8300, call the IRS at 1-800-829-3676.

## IRS Allows Business Owners To Opt For First Year Expense Deduction

Opening a new business can be an expensive undertaking. During the first year, owners may find their "outgo" a lot greater than their income. But the Internal Revenue Code may offer some help to the new business owner, and others, who buy and place in service qualifying business property.

Generally, when you buy business property that has a useful life of more than one year, you must depreciate it; that is, you spread your cost over the life of the property. This means it could take you three, five, seven, or more years to deduct your cost on your tax return.

Section 179 of the Code allows you to treat some or all of certain costs as a current year expense, subject to certain limitations. This may be particularly important to a new business owner because it may allow you to deduct the cost of some business property the same year you purchase and begin to use it. You will often hear this called a "section 179 deduction," or first-year ex-

pensing.

Section 179 property must be depreciable property and generally includes tangible personal property like machinery, office equipment, and cars and trucks. Buildings and their structural components do not qualify for the section 179 deduction.

To claim a deduction under section 179, you must make your choice the year you place the qualifying property in service. For property placed in service in taxable years beginning after December 31st, 1992, the total annual deduction is limited to \$17,500 per taxpayer; recently increased from \$10,000 in previous years after a law change. Other limitations may also apply.

IRS Publication 534, *Depreciation*, has additional information on the section 179 deduction. There are special rules for automobiles and trucks in Publication 917, *Business Use of a Car*. You may order these free publications by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-3676.

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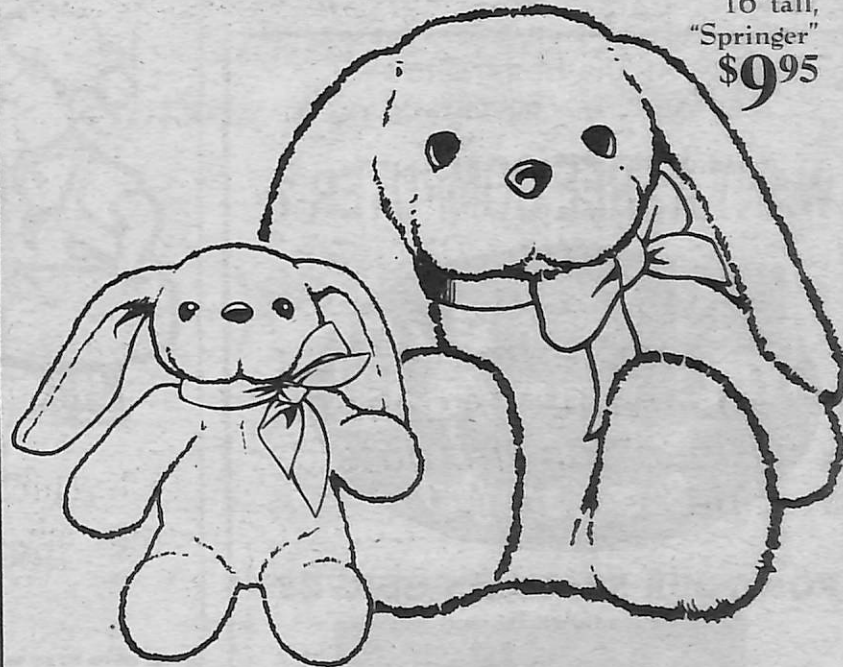
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## Families

### Agawam Youngster Accepts Fishing Derby Proceeds For MDA

by Cheryl Bruno  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

As the Goodwill Ambassador of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) for 1993-1994, Ronald "Rono" Dutton, Jr., of Agawam recently had the privilege of accepting a check from the proprietors of Barb's Sport Center, a long-time supporter of the MDA.

The Carpenter family, owners of Barb's Sport Center on 258 Feeding Hills in Southwick, have served the needs of area sports enthusiasts for the past 22 years. They have developed lasting friendships and their customers are now a part of the Carpenter's extended family.

Ten years ago, another very special group joined the warmth of their extended family. The MDA and its clients have benefitted from 10 annual ice fishing derbies sponsored by the Carpenter family and Barb's Sport Center.

This year marked the 10th anniversary of Barb's Ice Fishing Derby to benefit the MDA, and a check for \$930 was presented to Rono Dutton, Jr., following the conclusion of the derby. (This year's check, by the way, represented a 40 percent increase over last year's donation from Barb's Sport Center.)

#### "A Worthwhile Cause..."

The Carpenter family always enjoyed watching the Muscular Dystrophy Telethons and were touched by what they saw and heard. "We thought the Muscular Dystrophy Association was a wonderful cause and very worthwhile," the family told us, "and 10 years ago we decided to organize an Ice Fishing Derby and donate its proceeds to the MDA."

Over the course of the seven-week derby, avid ice fishermen would register at Barb's Sport Center and pay the minimum \$1.50 fee as a donation to Muscular Dystrophy. (The average donation was \$2.03.) Barb's registered hundreds of participants who could fish in any public waters in Massachusetts or Connecticut.

At the conclusion of the Ice Fishing Derby, a raffle for prizes was held, and the drawing and



RONALD "RONO" DUTTON, JR. of Agawam accepts a check from Sherri Carpenter of Barb's Sport Center, which recently sponsored an Ice Fishing Derby that raised \$930 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Rono is the MDA's "Goodwill Ambassador" for 1993-1994. Also pictured above are members of Rono's family - Ron Sr. (father), Jessica (sister), and Lynne (mother). Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.

check presentation turned into an old-fashioned party complete with "humungous fish stories," jokes, comradeship, and refreshments: punch and coffee were served, along with Barb's famous apple squares and brownies.

The nice thing about the derby raffle was that anyone could win (you needn't have caught the largest fish), and the grand prize was a Jiffy power ice auger valued at \$250, which was donated by Barb's Sport Center. Names were drawn from a hat, and the elated grand prize winner was Francis Mason.

In this Ice Fishing Derby, the fish are measured rather than weighed (for better accuracy). Some of

the largest fish caught during the derby were a 16 3/4" pickerel, a 29 7/8" pike, a 14 3/8" perch, a 21 5/8" trout, a 21" bass, and a 15 1/6" calico.

In addition to generating a lot of pride, many great fish stories, and some wonderful wintertime sport, Barb's Sport Center's Ice Fishing Derby also generated a \$930 donation to a very worthwhile cause.

On behalf of everyone affiliated with the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Rono Dutton gratefully accepted the check to the MDA and thanked the Carpenter family and all of the derby participants who made the generous donation possible.

### DelBarbas Welcome Birth Of Grandson

Richard and Rae DelBarba of Feeding Hills wish to announce the birth of a grandson, Cameron Nicholas, who was born on March 11th, 1994. Cameron weighed seven pounds and 12 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches long.

He is the son of Mark and Christina Pinkham of Manchester, Connecticut. The paternal grandmother is Barbara Pinkham of Indian Orchard.

### St. Joseph's Day Feast At F.H. Polish Club

A St. Joseph's Day Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, March 19th, at the Polish American Club of Agawam, 139 Southwick Street (Route 57), Feeding Hills.

Polish and American music will be featured by Gene Wisniewski and his Harmony Bells. Doors

open at 6:00 p.m., and a Polish dinner will be served from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Dancing will last from 8:00 p.m. until midnight.

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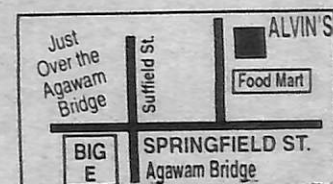
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### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

\* **Signs Of Spring (Ages 3½ - 5 years): Saturday, March 26th, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

Celebrate the long-awaited arrival of spring! On a hike through the Green Forest, we will use all of our senses to explore the rebirth of plants, insects, and other forms of wildlife.

The fee for this program is \$7.50 for Massachusetts Audubon Society (MAS) members, and \$9 for non-members.

\* **Rockhounds (Grades 2 - 4): Saturday, March 26th, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

Rocks come in all sizes, shapes, and colors ... but why? How did they get here? Anyone who likes collecting rocks and minerals, and performing experiments will enjoy this program.

The fee for this program is \$7.50 for MAS members, and \$9 for non-members.

\* **Laughing Brook Ecology Club (Grades 5 - 8)—Birds and Others of Fannie Stebbins: Saturday, March 26th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Spend a late winter day at the Fanny Stebbins Wildlife Refuge in Longmeadow, where we will focus on seeing and hearing some of the late winter resident birds. Fields, ponds, floodplains, and the river shore provide a habitat for a wide variety of wildlife to explore.

The fee for this program is \$20 for MAS members, and \$24 for non-members.

### ADULT PROGRAM

\* **Full Moon Walk: Saturday, March 26th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Many myths and legends speak of the strange phenomenon that occur during a full moon. But how much is fact, and how much is legend? Join us on this moon-lit night for a walk and a look at some of these myths as we try to find out what does happen during the full moon.

The fee for this program is \$6 for MAS members, and \$7 for non-members.

For additional information on any or all of the aforementioned programs, contact Robert Speare at Laughing Brook at (413) 566-8034.

## Senior Center Friends Get Membership Drive Off To Great Start

The annual Friends of the Agawam Senior Center membership drive is underway, and it is off to a great start! "Friends" thanks members for their renewals and old "Friends" who have returned.

A warm welcome to new members: John Brusseau, Paul Brusseau, Barbara Dunn, Ann Faits, Pat Lalancette, Ron Lalancette, Anita McNamee, Jim McNamee, Madeline Sleeper, David Skolnick, Cathy Willis, and Jim Willis.

"Friends" greatly appreciates the generous donations from Paul Brusseau and John Brusseau of \$50 each. Thank you, Paul and John, for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Membership co-chairs Tom Leahy and Joanne Willis wish to give a special thank you to those who have helped to get this drive off the ground — our "Friends" volunteers who take memberships at the Senior Center, treasurer Jim Griffin, Mary Leahy, and Jim Willis, who has provided expertise to computerize membership data.

"Friends" needs you! "Friends" is providing refreshments for Saturday night BINGO at the Senior Center. Volunteers are needed to help serve coffee and refreshments from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday evenings.

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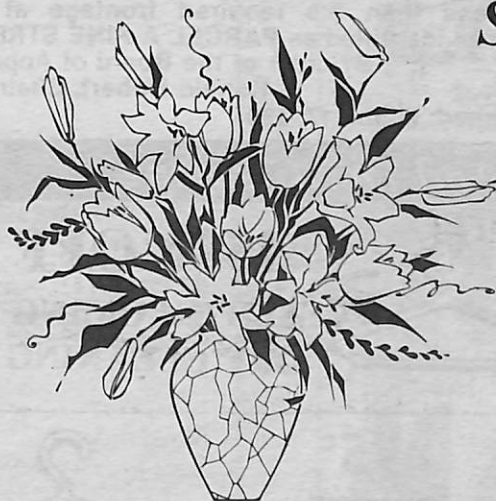
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## Golden Bell Choir To Perform At Ag. Public Library

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce that a concert performance by the Golden Bell Choir has been scheduled to take place on Monday, March 28th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the library. (Please note the time change from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.)

The Golden Bell Choir is made up of eight residents of Agawam and Feeding Hills and has made numerous area concert appearances, including Storowton, various nursing homes, and area civic club meetings.

Handbell ringing is performed by sets of bells that make up the complete musical scale. Each member of the choir has four or five bells in their charge, and has to pick up and ring a specific bell at the moment when its particular note is needed to make the tune. The Golden Bell Choir has a three-octave range produced by bells made in Holland.

Join us for an interesting and unusual concert program! This program will include many familiar songs, and is intended for adults and families.

If you are interested in attending this free program, please call the Agawam Public Library at 789-1550.

## Local AARP To Elect New Slate Of Officers

The nominating committee—Julian L. Miodowski, Eleanor Richards, and Lois Miodowski—of the Agawam/Feeding Hills chapter of AARP would like to announce that the local chapter is now holding meetings with the intent of submitting to its members a slate of officers to be elected for the upcoming year. The officers are as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Anyone who is a member of the national AARP and is also a member of the Agawam/Feeding Hills chapter and wishes to be considered for any of the elected offices, should attend the March or April chapter meeting which is held on the last Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center. If you are not a chapter member and are interested in being considered for an office, you may join the chapter at the meeting.

Please understand that you must be a member of the national AARP before you can join the local chapter.

## Souders Announce Birth Of Baby Boy

William Paul and Patricia Ann (Smith) Souder of Feeding Hills wish to announce the birth of their first child, Neil Minor Souder, who was born February 18th, 1994. He weighed eight pounds and 10 ounces, and measured 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Neil and Anna Smith of Feeding Hills. Paternal grandparents are Byron Jr. and Marilyn Souder of Brunswick, Maine.

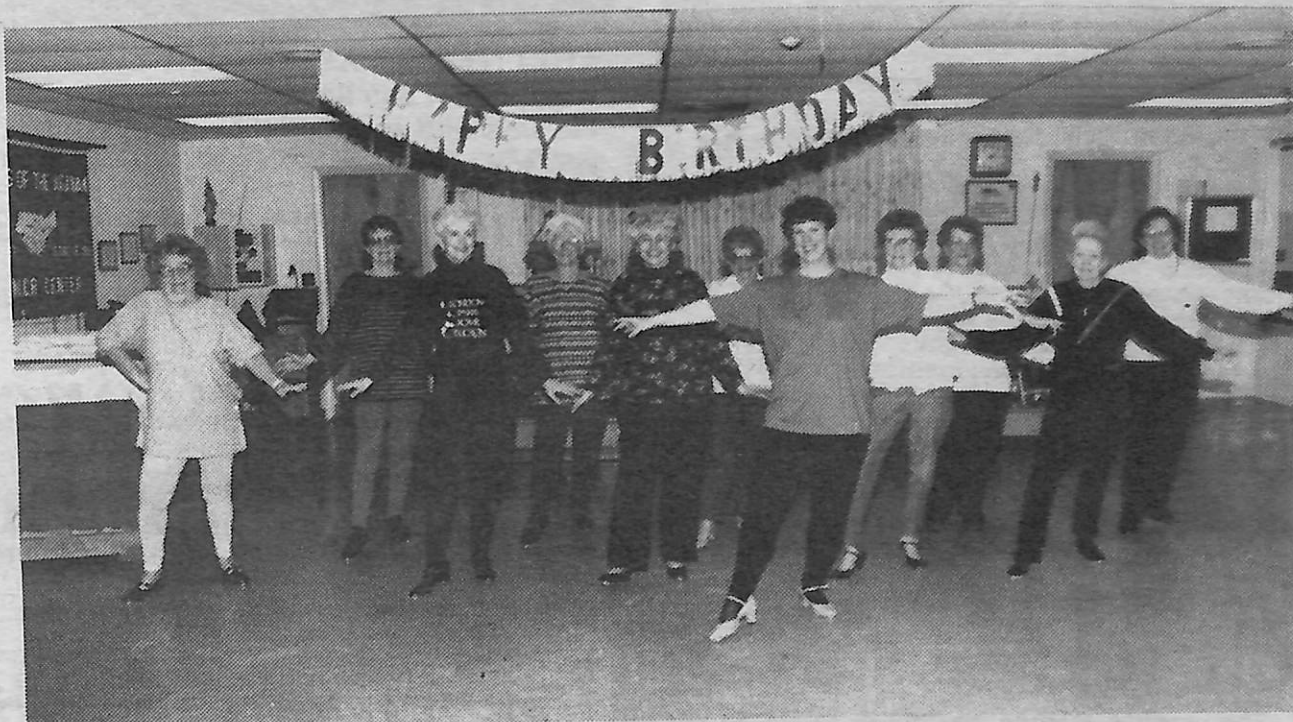
Maternal great-grandparents are Pasqualena DeMichele of Feeding Hills, and Priscilla Trombley of Turners Falls.

Paternal great-grandparents are Byron Sr. and June Souder of Rockville, Maryland, and Ruthelma Koehler of Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

## Tap Dancers Galore At Ag. Senior Center



LYNN JASMIN (center in both photos), tap instructor at the Agawam Senior Center, was delighted recently to welcome beginners and intermediate tap dancers when she started classes. Her dance resume is an impressive one, including being the owner, director, and instructor at Miss Lynn's School of the Dance for 15 years. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1994 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of CAROLYN E. BORKOSKY, who is seeking relief from Section 180-27 of the Zoning Ordinances which would allow for the construction of a single family residential structure on a lot with less than the required frontage at the premises identified as PARCEL A PINE STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,  
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

Published: March 17, 1994

### LEGAL NOTICE

## Mass. Citizens For Life To Meet In Agawam

The Agawam Chapter of Mass. Citizens for Life will meet on Tuesday, March 22nd at Agawam Police Station Community Room, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

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## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, March 21st:** Vegetable beef soup, quiche, tossed salad, oatmeal bread, orange.

**Tuesday, March 22nd:** American chop suey, broccoli, Canadian oat bread, baked custard.

**Wednesday, March 23rd:** Liver & onions, baked potato, stewed potatoes, whole wheat bread, apple cobbler.

**Thursday, March 24th:** Baked chicken leg, wild rice, mixed vegetables, pumpnickel bread, mixed fruit.

**Friday, March 25th:** Baked fish, baked beans, cole slaw, rye bread, canned peaches.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

## Yarn Shop Of Feeding Hills Sponsoring 3rd Annual Weekend Getaway For Knitters

The Yarn Shop's third annual Weekend Getaway for Knitters is being held this year on April 9th and 10th at the Ramada Hotel in West Springfield.

This popular event is sponsored by The Yarn Shop of Feeding Hills, and features an array of knitting classes. Included are classes on Color Play, Mosaic Knitting, and Surface Attractions.

There will be exciting trunk shows featuring several leading yarn companies.

The Weekend Getaway for Knitters begins with a breakfast and fashion show on Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

In addition to the regular Yarn Shop teaching staff, this year the Weekend Getaway for Knitters will feature nationally known Ginger Bladen of "Ginger Originals."

To register, or for more information, please contact The Yarn Shop, 360 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030, or call (413) 789-1367.

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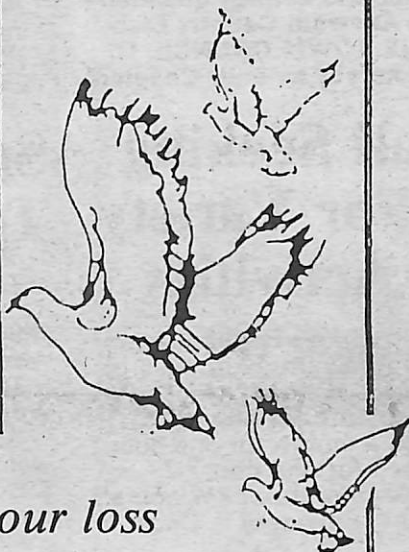
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## Beth A. Falcetti To Wed Brian W. Hoskin

A May 21st wedding is planned for Beth A. Falcetti and Brian W. Hoskin. Parents of the bride are Karen Falcetti of 1187 Shaker Road, Westfield and Richard Falcetti of Wylie, Texas.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Westfield High School and a 1992 graduate of Holyoke Community College. She is a manager of the Cole National Corporation in Holyoke. She has been with this company since 1989.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Westfield High School. He has been working as a manager for Hoskin Rug & Tile since 1988.

The groom is the son of Beverly Ciborowski, 14 Koscisko Ave., Feeding Hills and William Hoskin of 8 Joyce Drive, Westfield.

The wedding ceremony will be held at St. Mary's Church in Westfield and the reception will be at Tekoa Country Club.

*All the local news with us, each week*

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF AGAWAM PUBLIC HEARING

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 4, 1994 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board to amend Chapter 180, Article XI, of the Agawam Town Code entitled "Industrial District B" Section 180-65, Lot Size; Lot Coverage, by adding the following Section 180-65C: "No lot shall have a frontage of less than one hundred (100) feet on a street."

Copies of the proposed amendment can be viewed or obtained from the Agawam Planning Board & Community Development Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office in the Agawam Town Hall.

Ursula Retzler  
Clerk of the Council

Published: March 17, 1994

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#### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 49, SECTION 7 (8) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM

WHEREAS, The Town of Agawam requires qualified personnel to manage the internal and external operations of the Agawam Country Club; and

WHEREAS, The current classification schedule does not include position titles which would accommodate such requirement; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of the Town of Agawam to attract and employ qualified personnel to manage the Agawam Country Club;

NOW THEREFORE, THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM hereby amends Chapter

## Heritage Hall Seeking Volunteers For Variety Of Senior Activities

Heritage Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 61 Cooper Street, Agawam, is in need of volunteers for the following positions:

- \* **Piano player** - Once a month for one hour.
- \* **Friendly visitor** - Twice a month for one hour.
- \* **Nail care** - Once a week for one hour.
- \* **Party assistant** - Once a month for 1½ hours.
- \* **Woodworker (supplies provided)** - Once a month for one hour.
- \* **Outside outings (restaurant)** - Once a month for two hours.
- \* **Decorator** - Once a month for one hour.
- \* **Card player** - Once a month for one hour.
- \* **Hobby show & tell** - Once a month for one hour.
- \* **Bingo caller** - Once a week for 1½ hours.
- \* **Creative writing** - Once a week for two hours.

Interested volunteers may contact Brenda Marisian at 786-8000.

### LEGAL NOTICE

49, Section 7 (8) of the Code of the Town of Agawam effective upon passage as set forth below:

ADD:

Position

\*Course Manager

Assistant Greens Keeper

DATED THIS NINTH DAY OF MARCH, 1994.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL.

James D. Taylor, President

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Thomas S. Locke, Solicitor

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APPROVED

TOR-94-3

#### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 49, SECTION 7 (9) (c) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM

WHEREAS, The Town of Agawam requires qualified personnel to perform a variety of services at the Agawam Country Club; and

WHEREAS, The current classification schedule does not include a position title which would accommodate such requirement; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of the Town of Agawam to attract and employ qualified personnel to work at the Agawam Country Club;

NOW THEREFORE, THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM hereby amends Chapter 49, Section 7 (9) (c) of the Code of the Town of Agawam effective upon passage as set forth below:

ADD:

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Club House Attendant

DATED THIS NINTH DAY OF MARCH, 1994.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL.

James D. Taylor, President

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Thomas S. Locke, Solicitor

## Spfld. Knitting Guild To Meet March 22nd

The Greater Springfield Knitting Guild will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 22nd, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. at The Yarn Shop, 360 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

This month's meeting will feature Kaffe Fassett Videos.

All knitters, both beginners and advanced, are welcome. For further information, contact Sally at 536-2273 or Martha at (203) 745-5870.

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## Church News

### Rev. Stephen Dennehy Loves New Chores At Valley Community Church In F.H.

by Peggy Shoemaker  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

The Reverend Stephen Charles Dennehy, who has been filling in at the Valley Community Church on South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, was officially named associate minister of the "Church on the Hill" on March 1st.

Rev. Dennehy has been filling in for Reverend Dr. Robert Murray, pastor, who left the church on a two-year sabbatical leave in May 1993. Rev. Dennehy has been filling in since October and the church officially made him associate minister this month. He received the call from Deaconess Lois McCarl on behalf of the administrative board of the church.

Rev. Dennehy moved to West Springfield in 1988 and resides on Sawmill Road with his wife, Sally, a homemaker. The couple has two children: a son, Geoffrey, who is studying biological engineering at Westfield State College; and a daughter, Heather, majoring in liberal arts at the University of Massachusetts. The minister is employed full-time in the Computer Data Division of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co.



REV. STEPHEN C. DENNEHY

A tall, pleasant person, Rev. Dennehy was born and raised in a family of eight children in the north end of London, England, where most of his family still lives. He came to the United States in 1970 to take computer science and business at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

He did not become a Christian until 1980, Dennehy said in a recent interview. Later, he attended the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia to become a Methodist minister. Students at this seminary are of many denominations, he explained, but each takes a core course in the denomination he is majoring in. Valley Community Church is denominationally unaffiliated.

Of Rev. Dennehy's three brothers and four sisters, one brother, Peter, lives in Australia, and one sister, Patricia, lives in Philadelphia. The other five siblings live in London, as does their mother, Mary. Their father died two years ago. "We are a musical family," the minister said. "Most of us play instruments and when we get together, we have some great sing-a-longs. That is one of the things I miss."

Since October, Rev. Dennehy has been conducting the 10:00 a.m. Sunday services at the local church, and since January has also conducted special day services (such as Ash Wednesday) and participated in Bible Study and visitations ("which I love," he said). All of the services are on Sundays or evenings, thereby enabling Rev. Dennehy to do them.

#### Celebrating With Prayer And Music

Celebration in the form of prayer and music is emphasized in the services, which are centered on the challenge to the congregation—the minister's preaching from "the word" challenging the congregation to live more fully in Christ's image.

"The service is very uplifting, loving, and exciting," the minister said. "We do a lot of singing and use modern music, as well as evangelical revival music and old-fashioned hymns, which is a lovely balance. We have a fantastic choir."

Valley Community Church is beautiful, Rev.

Dennehy said, and it is simple: "The congregation has lots of very gifted people."

As an example, he noted two persons who do an excellent job with children's sermons, and they also do children's theater in town.

In addition to his full-time job and assistant ministerial duties, Rev. Dennehy is active in local and international missionary work among the poor. He is on the board of El Instituto Da La Familia (the institute of the family), a social service agency in the Spanish north end of Springfield.

Last summer, he organized a group from among various churches to work as laborers in Chimultango, Guatemala. They poured concrete for homes in the city 50 miles from Guatemala City. This summer, he hopes to return to Guatemala for a shorter period of 10 days to paint homes.

"We will have a chance to see how our concrete work held up," he joked. He would like the local church to become more involved in local and international missions.

SEE REV. DENNEHY - Page 16...

## Coming April 1st



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## Church News - continued...

## Roast Beef Dinner Again Benefits Operation Friendship



IN TOP PHOTO, Operation Friendship members Diane Parslow and Jen Mangano at Feeding Hills Congregational Church serve roast beef dinners. IN PHOTO BELOW, parent Bill Rose was the chief slicer for the event. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



REV. DENNEHY - from Page 15...

In addition to his love of music (he plays several instruments, the guitar sometimes at church services), he has many hobbies. He cited woodworking (which he does in his garage) and oil painting. "I love both of these, but I've not had much time for them lately," he said.

Rev. Dennehy's dream is to have a church of his own, as full-time pastor.

In answer to a question of whether he would take such a call if it came now, he said, "I would pray on it. That's what you have to do. You know when a thing is right. This church feels right; it is good, exciting, and challenging. And I love to be helpful."

He is looking forward to conducting the Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m. on March 31st, and participating in the Good Friday service at 7:00 p.m. on April 1st at the First Congregational Church on Main Street, Agawam.



OPERATION FRIENDSHIP members, from left - Mike Mangano, Deb Parslow, and Michael Fisher volunteered their services on the serving line at the recent benefit supper. Proceeds go to the Operation Friendship group at the church that are involved in summer international exchanges. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Dominican Nuns To Hold Hour Of Prayer

The monthly Hour of Prayer and Song for the families of the world will be held at the Dominican Nuns' Monastery Chapel on Sunday, March 20th, at 4:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited to at-

tend.

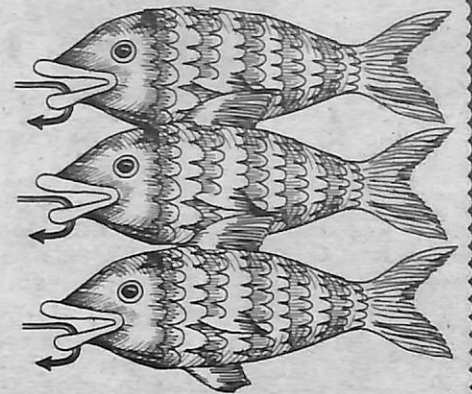
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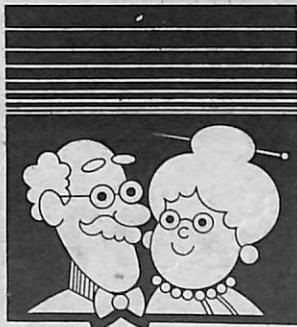
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Church News - continued...

# Ag. Congregational's Weekly List Of Events

This Sunday, March 20th, will be Youth Sunday at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam. The Senior High youth will be leading the service. They will focus on the Heifer Project. Monies collected for the Heifer Project will be dedicated at this service.

"Our Sexuality, God's Good Gift," the series for seventh through ninth graders, will conclude on Thursday, March 24th, at 7:30 p.m. For this final class, parents are invited to join the students.

Rev. Fuller and Corinne Colman, Youth Director, are leading the discussions.

A Lenten Bible Study is being held Wednesday evenings (starting March 23rd) at 7:35 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church. A challenging and inspiring book entitled *Passion for the Possible*, by Rev. William Sloan Coffin, will be the focus for this Lenten program.

Rev. Fuller will be leading this discussion group. All are welcome to attend.

A New Member class will be held on Sunday, March 20th, at 6:00 p.m. The final class for this month's session is Sunday, March 27th.

Anyone wishing to join this class is welcome to attend.

There will be three Easter Services: the Sunrise Service at 5:24 a.m., held at Provin Mt. on the east lawn, as well as 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ.

Plan on attending one or all three. From 7:00 to 10:30 a.m., there will be a ham and egg breakfast held in Fellowship Hall. There is no cost for the breakfast, but donations are welcome.

An Adults Night Out will take place Friday, March 25th, at 6:00 p.m. All adults are invited to join us for a movie and pizza.

We will meet at the church and carpool to the Showcase Cinemas to see "Schindler's List"; don't miss the movie that has been nominated for 12 Oscars! Pizza at the Pizza Hut, Riverdale Road, West Springfield, will follow the movie.

Bring a friend, bring a spouse, bring a date, or come alone.

3\*2\*1\*KONTACT will meet at the church on Saturday, March 19th, to make candy to donate to the Open Pantry in West Springfield. The meeting is from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

On the following Saturday, March 26th, we will meet at the Agawam Congregational Church at 1:30 p.m. to travel to the Basketball Hall of Fame.

## Valley Comm. Church Slates Potluck Lunch

The Valley Community Church Congregational will hold its second Potluck Luncheon following the church service on Sunday, March 27th.

The turnout for January's service and luncheon was so well-attended and received that organizers decided to hold one every other month on the last Sunday.

Church service attendees are asked to bring their favorite potluck dish or dessert and drop it off downstairs in Dunn Hall before church at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to stay for the luncheon after service (even if you are unable to bring something) and join in the fellowship of this friendly community gathering.

The Valley Community Church is located high on the hill overlooking the beautiful panoramic view of the Pioneer Valley at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

Reverend Stephen Dennehy, Associate Pastor, will preach. Call the church secretary at 786-2445 for directions or information.

## "Single Parenting" & "Dealing With Loss" To Be Discussed At Sacred Heart Church

"Single Parenting: The Agony and the Ecstasy" and "Helping Families Deal with Loss" will be the subject of a presentation by Dorothy Levesque on Thursday, April 7th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1059 Springfield Street (Route 57) in Feeding Hills.

It is free and open to the public. Topics covered will include: self-esteem, fatigue, insecurity, discipline, loneliness, rejection, and dealing with the attitudes of society.

The Community Life/Family Life Commissions of Sacred Heart are sponsoring this event to provide a better understanding of the problems faced by single parents and their children and offer information and support to families coping with loss through divorces, death, illness, job loss, etc.

A supervised program for children will be available for those who wish to bring them.

Dorothy Levesque is the Executive Director of the North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics and Director of Ministry to Separated and Divorced of the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island.

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The Reverend Raymond H. Korndorfer's sermon will be "God's Glue" at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church on March 20th at 10:00 a.m.

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On Palm Sunday, March 27th, the Feeding Hills Congregational Church Choir will present its annual Easter Cantata. This year's music is taken from *The Cup, The Cross And The Crown* by Randolph Johnston, and will have music by Jon Paige, Gregg Sewell, Douglas Wagner, and Anthony Poole inserted as well.

For this special service, Bob Johnson will be our narrator, and the featured soloists will be Matthew Granger, Kathy Moore, and Richard and Lani Kretchmar.

This service will begin at 10:00 a.m. with child care provided for little ones. After the service, there will be a coffee hour which all are welcome to attend.

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On March 31st at 6:00 p.m., we will have our Maundy Thursday service. We will begin by sharing a pot-luck supper, after which the Board of Deacons will present a short program about the symbols and their significance of the Seder meal in our lives today.

At 7:30 p.m., we will move to the church sanctuary for our Tenebrae service. At this service, there will be special music, selected readings from the Bible, and Communion will be served. We believe in open Communion and all are welcome to partake.

On Easter Sunday, April 3rd, we will have a Sunrise Service followed by breakfast at the church. Our regular church service will begin at 10:00 a.m. and child care will be provided for little ones.

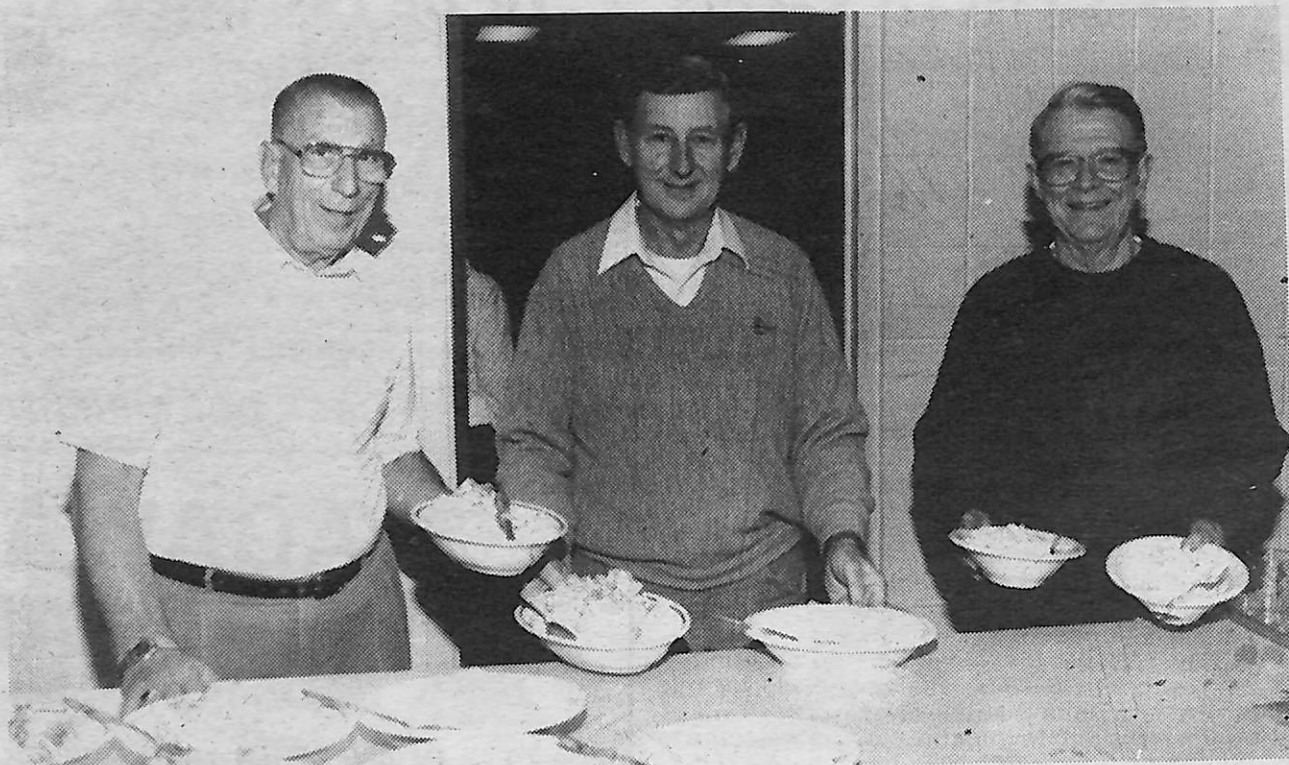
God blessed us by giving us His Son, and He has also blessed us with the lives of our own children. Some of our children are now singing together in our Junior Choir, and we look forward to hearing them sing again at our Easter Sunday Service.

Please come and join us at any or all of these services. If you have any questions, feel free to call the church office at 786-5061, or Kathy Moore at 789-1750.

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Sunday School classes for all age groups and Morning Worship are held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

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**ADVERTISER NEWS**

**Ham & Bean Supper At Ag. First Baptist**

**THE AGAWAM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH** held its Annual Ham & Bean Supper on Saturday, March 12th. **IN TOP PHOTO**, Everett Hodge, Archie DallaPegorara, and Stanley Edwards fill the tables with potato salad; **IN PHOTO BELOW**, the smiling faces of Nancy Edwards, Dot Jenks, Alice Ruddock, and Barbara Wright spread out the large assortment of pies. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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## Church News - continued...

## Bethany Assembly "Walking Thru" New Testament

On April 8th and 9th, the Walk Thru the New Testament Seminar will be conducted at Bethany Church in Agawam. Like the Old Testament seminar which was conducted last year, the New Testament seminar utilizes interactive learning techniques to help people absorb — and remember — the key characters, geography, and major themes of the entire New Testament.

Auditorium floors become "maps" with "Bible lands and waters." The vibrant teaching is frequently punctuated by hand movements and group recitations. In just six hours, virtually anyone can master a survey of the New Testament, even with little prior Bible knowledge.

While many people may feel that the New Testament is more familiar than the Old, they are consistently amazed when they find out what they didn't know. According to Pastor Brian Tracy of Bethany Church, "A lot of people know some of the highlights of the New Testament.

"But they don't know how it all fits together. After the Walk Thru the New Testament seminar, they won't have to fumble to find a topic in the Epistles, because the key concepts will already be locked in their memory.

"They won't just know what Christ said, but when and where He said it and why. In other words, their spiritual lives will be revitalized as they gain a more intimate understanding of the Bible."

Seminar attendees will also receive a survey of the "400 Silent Years," the period of history occurring between the Old and New Testaments.

Anyone interested in attending the seminar should contact Pastor Brian Tracy at Bethany Church at 789-2930.

Walk Thru the New Testament seminars are conducted by teachers from Walk Thru the Bible, a unique education ministry headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. Literally millions of people have attended Walk Thru the Bible's Old and New Testament seminars all over the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Spain, Germany, England, Brazil, and Spanish-speaking Latin America, making them the most popular non-broadcast teaching seminars in the world.

## "We Never Miss This Supper..."



ROBERT & ETHEL SLEEPER enjoy the ham & bean supper sponsored by the Agawam First Baptist Church on Saturday, March 12th. RELATED PHOTOS ON PAGE 18. Advertiser

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## Spotlight On Business

### La Mirage Hair & Nail Salon Holds Open House



THE NEW OWNER of La Mirage Hair & Nail Salon in the Juniper Ridge Shops in Feeding Hills held an Open House on March 8th to thank old customers and welcome new ones. IN TOP PHOTO, FROM LEFT - Paula Diamond, John Paul Mitchell Systems educator; Louise Farrelly, John Paul Mitchell Systems sales consultant; new owner Elizabeth Tompkins; and James D. Taylor, Town Council president. IN PHOTO BELOW, Linda LaFleur has her nails done by Maria Kennedy from "Light Concepts." Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



THE FRIENDLY AND SKILLED staff of La Mirage Hair & Nail Salon, at the salon's recent Open House. From left - Elizabeth Tompkins (owner), Mary Drownowski, and Cheryl Gregor. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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The "Baby Boomers" among us will remember "The Wizard of Oz" from its annual appearance on television in the age before video games. Gathered around 'the set,' Americans tuned in to view a movie classic from the comfort of a 'rec room' or den—probably panelled, most likely in knotty pine.

The Boomers, too, have found that there is "No place like home" as they return to their roots with their 'Great Rooms.' Whether you are planning your new home or remodeling your current one, be sure to tour the Better Living Center and Young Building to discover specialty windows; innovative or traditional fireplaces; a multitude of floor treatments, including hardwoods, inlaid patterns and lush pile carpeting; and distinctive lighting.

Whatever your needs are—be they decorative door knobs or a 2½ story colonial—you can find them at **HOME SHOW '94**. As one visitor put it: "Even if you're not looking for it, you'll find it at the 'Original' Western Massachusetts Home Show!"

Among the many features highlighting this year's presentation will be:

- A walk through "Home Town, USA" - our two-plus acre outdoor exhibit area to see:
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  - Personal transportation of the future. Bay State Gas Company will have at least two natural gas powered vehicles on display - one converted to natural gas from a stock vehicle and the other manufactured as such. Western Massachusetts Electric Company will have all-electric vehicles on display.
  - A playhouse size scale model of a modern log home, built by students from William Dean Technical High School in Holyoke. The home will be featured on the **HOME SHOW '94** float in the Holyoke Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 20th, and at the conclusion of the home show, will be donated to the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children in Springfield.
  - The **HOME SHOW '94** Entertainment Tent, featuring local musical talent sponsored by area radio stations.
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## Spotlight On Business - continued...

## This Foodmart Is Simply "Super"



**BRASS ON HAND** - Walbaum's Foodmart President Kenneth Abrahams (right) and Store Manager James Maloney (left) greet Agawam resident Teresa Urbinati when the newly-renovated "Super" Foodmart reopened its doors on Sunday morning, March 13th. Believe it - this place was redhot throughout the day, and the smile on Ken Abrahams' face widened with each passing hour. **RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**AGAWAM RESIDENTS** from left - Jean Milillo, Dr. James Doering, James Crean, and Richard DiLullo sign-up for the Valued Shoppers Club on Grand Reopening Day at the Agawam store on Sunday, March 13th. **IN PHOTO BELOW,** Foodmart official Jack Mirisola shows-off part of the expanded Produce Department. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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*Spotlight On Business - continued...***Picky, Picky Produce At Super Foodmart**

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Common sense tells us that working as a team with a professional real estate agent will make home buying and selling a quicker and easier experience. During the process of choosing an agent, finding a home, securing a mortgage, listing a home, marketing it, and eventually either completing a purchase or a sale, there are several steps buyers/sellers can take to create a rapport with a real estate professional.

A sense of teamwork will motivate agents to perform at their highest level. Nothing ruins a good working relationship more than shopping around for alternative representation during the transaction. Stick to one agent and they'll reward you by going that extra mile to sell or buy your house.

When choosing an agent, find out who they are working for (buyer/seller or both). Determine if the agent is willing and able to work for you throughout the buy/sell process. Most states require full disclosure regarding agency relationships with buyers and sellers at the first personal meeting with a real estate agent.

Before searching for your dream home, your real estate agent should prequalify you to determine how much home you can afford. Be completely candid about your income and debt. Most sales associates can save you time and money during this process by recommending specific mortgages to fit your needs. Lenders can also quicken the process if they know all the facts.

When previewing homes to buy, give honest feedback to your agent who is working for you. If you don't like the neighborhood or the layout of the rooms, let your sales associate know. It helps them zero in on the kind of home you want to buy.

If you are selling your home, spend time with your agent to calculate an accurate listing price for your property. Many times sales associates will compare your property with similar properties in your neighborhood that are on the market and homes that were sold in the last few months, often referred to as a "Comparative Market Evaluation." This step can sometimes take longer than necessary if a seller has an unrealistic view of their home's worth. Be objective and find a listing price that buyers will accept.

Some states have laws that require home sellers to disclose all structural defects of their property, so be up front with your agent. Withholding such information will only work against you in the end by either slowing the sale or possibly resulting in a legal dispute.

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**Check  
our  
classified****Local Businesses Strut Their Stuff...**

A LARGE GROUP of area businesses, including many from Agawam, participated in day-long event in the Better Living Center at The BIG E. Businesses were able to see what was available to them right here in the area and exchange business cards and information on each other. IN TOP PHOTO, top brass from Park WestBank on hand included Jeffrey Smith, Susan Tansey, and Gary Briggs. IN PHOTO AT LEFT, Fitness First Racquet & Fitness Center in Feeding Hills was represented by Denise Moffat, owner Kurt Welker, and Barbara Vinciguerra. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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## Catherine Meredith Of F. Hills Is Promoted At Milton Bradley Co.

The Milton Bradley Company, located in East Longmeadow, MA, recently announced that Catherine Meredith has been promoted to Vice President of Licensing and Promotions.

Ms. Meredith joined Milton Bradley in 1974 and most recently served the company as Associate Vice President of Marketing Services.

A graduate of Agawam High School and Western New England College, Ms. Meredith currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Pioneer Valley Girl Scouts.

Ms. Meredith resides in Feeding Hills, MA.

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Make your home easily accessible for your agent when the time comes to show it to potential buyers. Your agent will suggest a method which may include installing an outdoor lock box to securely provide the agent with a house key when you're not available.

Teaming up with a professional real estate agent and communicating your true feelings on price, location, and appearance to your agent will go a long way towards expediting a transaction—and will help make your next home buying or selling experience rewarding.

(John Schuler is the Broker/Owner of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc., located in Feeding Hills, MA [413-789-1117].)

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MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON presented a town proclamation to John Coolidge, treasurer of the Purchasing Management Association of Western New England, on the 75th Anniversary of the association. Johnson made the presentation earlier this month. Advertiser News

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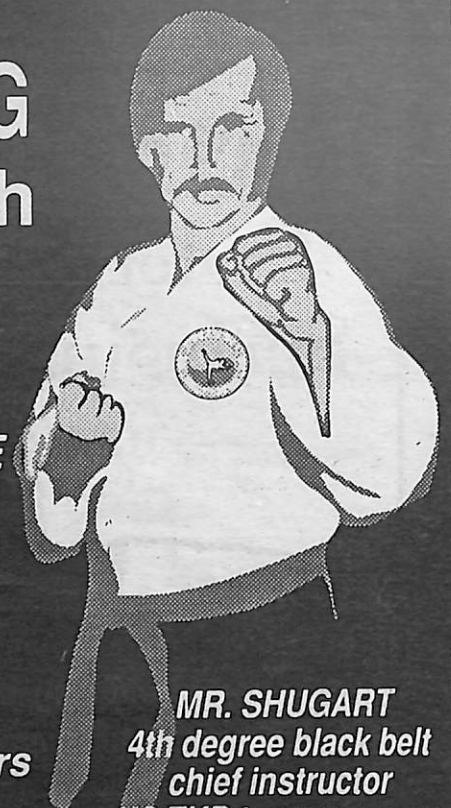
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### Cholesterol Screening At Mercy Hospital

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Results will be mailed to participants. The donation is \$10, and registration is on a walk-in basis.

A blood glucose screening program is planned at Mercy Hospital on March 25th from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Memorial House Auditorium. (Prior to the test, participants should not take food and liquids [other than water] after midnight).

A donation of \$2 is requested for the testing materials.

For more information, call the patient education department at 748-9024 weekdays between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m., or leave a message.

### Bereaved Can Receive Help From Forastieres

Monthly support groups designed specifically for those whose spouse has died are provided by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 22nd from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 181 Elm St., in East Longmeadow. It is ongoing, 12 months a year. There is no pre-registration, nor commitment to attend.

Those wishing to participate, need merely to attend. The group is facilitated by Grief Counselor Lila Forastiere.

This support group is just one of the many programs included in the "Forastiere's OPTIONS ... for a brighter tomorrow." As part of the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes' continuous commitment to helping those who are grieving, the "OPTIONS" programs are offered to anyone in the community, at no charge.

For further information, call 733-5311.

### Hampden County Chiropractic To Close March 18th-20th

Hampden County Chiropractic in Feeding Hills will be closed on March 18th, 19th, and 20th.

Dr. Tami Nelson will be attending a seminar on pediatrics on Boston.

The office will be open March 21st.

### Agawam Native Saves R.I. Boy's Eyesight By Properly Treating Detached Retina

Thanks to a man originally from Agawam, a nine year-old Rhode Island youngster can see fine once again.

Last summer, optometrist Paul Zerbinopoulos (who graduated from Agawam High School in 1980) discovered that a boy named Brett Connell had a detached retina—a problem that affects only one in 15,000 American adults and even fewer children. And, it was a detached retina that could have stolen the sight of Brett's right eye.

Brett's parents would not have taken their son for an eye exam if it were not for a program called VISION USA. Through VISION USA, optometrists throughout the country offer free eye exams to families that do not have health insurance.

When the Connell family heard about VISION USA, they took advantage of it by bringing Brett's older sister, Aimee, to Dr. Zerbinopoulos's Wakefield, Rhode Island office. The doctor suggested that all three of the Connell children come for an examination.

Dr. Zerbinopoulos's exams include fully dilating his patient's pupils. Because the exam is so thorough, he was able to detect the problem in Brett's eye, despite the fact that Brett had not experienced any symptoms to indicate there was a problem.

"If he (Dr. Zerbinopoulos) had not dilated Brett's eye, he never would have found the problem," said Brett's mother, Lynda. She added, "This was the first time Dr. Zerbinopoulos found the problem in someone so young. It's something that usually strikes the elderly."

Duncan Connell, Brett's father, also appreciated the efforts of both Dr. Zerbinopoulos and Dr. Harold Woodcome (who performed the actual surgery on Brett's detached retina last July), and stated, "I credit the whole thing to Dr. Zerbinopoulos for dilating the eye."

### La Leche League Can Help, Encourage New Moms With Breastfeeding

Mothers who wish to breastfeed their babies will find encouragement and information at the West Springfield-Agawam La Leche League.

The next meeting is Monday, March 21st at 7:30 p.m., at the Grace Lutheran Church, Westfield Street, West Springfield. Nursing babies are welcome.

The League offers mother-to-mother help at its monthly meetings based on the book *The Woman-*

The son of William and Margaret Zerbinopoulos of 57 Harding Street, Agawam, Dr. Zerbinopoulos attended Framingham State College following his graduation from Agawam High School. After completing the remainder of his studies at the New England College of Optometry in Boston, he set up his practice in Rhode Island and presently has offices in Wakefield and North Kingstown (the town in which he resides).

In regard to Brett Connell's case, Dr. Zerbinopoulos remarked that the boy had lost about 25 percent of his peripheral vision because of the detachment near the edge of the retina. If the problem had not been detected, it would have worked its way toward the center of Brett's right eye.

Brett's case, continued the optometrist, was "extremely rare" because there was no trauma to the eye, which is typical of retina detachment (heredity, however, can sometimes contribute to a problem like this).

Dr. Zerbinopoulos said children's eyes should be examined before they start kindergarten; because the eye nerve does not mature until about the age of six, problems are much easier to treat if they're detected at an early age.

Interestingly enough, the Connell family's experience attracted the interest of the producers of NBC's *Today* show. On January 31st, 1994, Brett and his mom appeared on the early-morning program for about five minutes and spoke about their experience with anchorwoman Katie Couric.

As a result of Brett's fortuitous visit to Dr. Zerbinopoulos via the VISION USA program, the Connells were more than pleased that their story drew national attention and hope that other families can benefit from Brett's good fortune.

(This article is an abridgement of a story that originally appeared in the February 9th, 1994 edition of *The Narragansett* (Rhode Island) Times.)

ly *Art of Breastfeeding*. The meeting discussions include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience.

Other services include a lending library of books on childbirth, child care, breastfeeding, and nutrition.

For further information, call Jeanne at 739-7923 or Teresa at 734-5922.



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# Arts



## Pisano's Picks...

ON VIDEO

by Louis Pisano

### Look What The Cat DIDN'T Drag In!!!

From the sixties emerged innovative music; from the seventies emerged many classic musicians; the eighties highlighted the careers of these classic artists; and the nineties ... well, the nineties are sure to go down in history as the worst decade in music.

Below are some music video suggestions for those still interested in music as a classy escapist form of art.

#### \* Def Leppard - Visualize

Director: Phil Tuckett (including the work of many other directors for the band). 1993. Not rated. 1 hour and 30 minutes. Def Leppard are: Joseph Elliott (lead vocals), Philip Collen (guitar), Vivian Campbell (guitar), Richard Savage (bass guitar), and Richard Allen (drums).

Someone opts to read a book for enjoyment, enlightenment, and escapism. Someone opts to own a beautiful painting for enjoyment, enlightenment, and escapism. Someone chooses to watch a movie for enjoyment, enlightenment, and escapism.

It only makes logical sense that someone would listen to a particular band for these same reasons. Somehow, however, the music industry in the nineties decided to throw this wholesome approach to the arts out the window.

With such repugnant bands as Pearl Jam, Nirvana, Smashing Pumpkins, Guns & Roses, Cowboy Junkies, and an endless list of others churning out songs about suicide, funerals, violence, and other such musical themes expected from such low-class individuals, there does exist a few people who remember what music should be.

This newly released video highlights the extraordinary career of Def Leppard, a band that has withstood great triumphs as well as great hard-

ships together. Constantly the subject of rave reviews from the nation's most reputable critics, this video—if nothing else—will clearly illustrate why.

The band does not thoroughly demean women as objects of pleasure; does not write lyrics about a boy shooting himself in the head; does not flash images of hearses and caskets in every video they make. What these British rockers do is sing about such topics as love, rock music legends, respect for women, and the destructive power of substance abuse.

Okay, folks, relax ... I know you are shocked that such a respectable group of people exists amongst the aforementioned array of grungy, classless, and talentless individuals; but, it gets better.

Most bands consist of very averagely talented musicians with one who is extraordinary. Def Leppard, in the meantime, is constantly commended for such things as their superb harmonizing vocals, their unique and awesome individual talent, their versatility, their comradery and resulting determination, and their high admiration for their fans.

Visualize expertly pictorializes these attributes and more. You may be shocked to see that these boys can form a full and intelligible sentence. So while you can listen to W. Axl Rose of Guns & Roses sing about his desire to "watch you bleed" (referring, of course, to a woman entering his jungle!), or to Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder sing about a boy named Jeremy who commits suicide in front of his classmates, you could choose to listen to Def Leppard sing about how substance abuse can destroy your life in the song "White Lightning," or how a man should never have sex without emotion in their harmonic "Make Love Like A Man."

I agree completely with the large amount of critics that applaud this band for their true concern for the well-being of their fans and the once-respected industry that birthed them.

Watch Visualize and see the results of their determination in the face of tragic adversity (the death of long-time guitarist Stephen Clark and the loss of drummer Rick Allen's left arm); their broad range of music from the moving ballad to the adrenalizing rock anthem; their landmark stage shows, their talents, and socially responsible beliefs and lyrics; and most of all, their class that will continue to propel them to the top of the industry.

After all, isn't that the primal foundation behind the art of music? **4 STARS.** (15 years and up.)

#### \* Imagine: John Lennon

Director: Andrew Solt. 1988. Rated R. 1 hour and 43 minutes. Featuring: John Lennon, Yoko Ono, George Harrison, Paul McCartney, Ringo Star, Julian Lennon, and Sean Lennon.

This video almost perfectly documents the career of songwriter John Lennon. Through the utilization of rare home video, television interviews, famous footage, and modern-day interviews placed in accurate, chronological order, Lennon is observed as everything he was ... for better or for worse.

The film is definitely a must for any Beatles fan as well as anyone who is interested in the growth process of a musician. The film documents events from the craze over "The Fab Four" in the mid-sixties to the artist's premature demise in 1980.

The film helps in dispelling many of the rumors that infamously surrounded the Beatles. This is of special interest to those who lived during the era.

There will be no denying that Lennon was quite odd. On the same token, there will be no denying that he was a good person. It is stated in the film that Lennon always felt responsible for fans' actions because of his music; this is a true musician, one that goes way beyond the ability to strum a guitar or write a song.

Imagine could even serve as a memento of sorts. While watching, some will remember the era and become reminiscent. Such events as the Beatles' break-up and John and Yoko's bed protest are sure to evoke memories of another time.

In closing, unless you absolutely hate the music of the Beatles or of Lennon, you will enjoy Imagine. I am not, by any means, a big fan of either, but I did enjoy the film. Imagine that. **3½ STARS.** (18 years and up.)

#### \* WRITER'S POSTSCRIPT:

Def Leppard Records:  
On Through The Night  
High n' Dry  
Pyromania  
Hysteria  
Adrenalize  
Retro Active

John Lennon Records:  
Imagine  
Milk And Honey  
Mind Games  
Plastic Ono  
Shaved Fish  
Two Virgins  
Double Fantasy

(EDITOR'S NOTE: If you have any suggestions for movie-related themes that you'd like to see discussed in this column, send them to Lou in care of The Advertiser News, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.)

## New York City Trip Planned By Ag. Cultural Council

The Agawam Cultural Council will have a New York City bus trip on Saturday, May 21st.

Anyone interested in tickets may send a check and stamped, self-addressed envelope to council member Donna Scherpa, 201 Parkedge Drive, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Please make the check payable to the Agawam Cultural Council. The tickets will be returned in the stamped, self-addressed envelope. The price

per person is \$18 and is non-refundable.

Departure time will be at 6:30 a.m. from the Agawam High School. This will allow sufficient time for interested parties to purchase half-price tickets to selected Broadway shows.

The bus will stop at the Metropolitan Museum of Fine Arts, Rockefeller Center, Times Square (theatre ticket booths), 34th Street Macy's, and 14th Street South Street Seaport.

Time and place of departure from New York City will be 6:30 p.m. from Rockefeller Center. There will be no stops on the trip down; bring your own snacks.

Arrival home at Agawam High School will be approximately 9:30 p.m.

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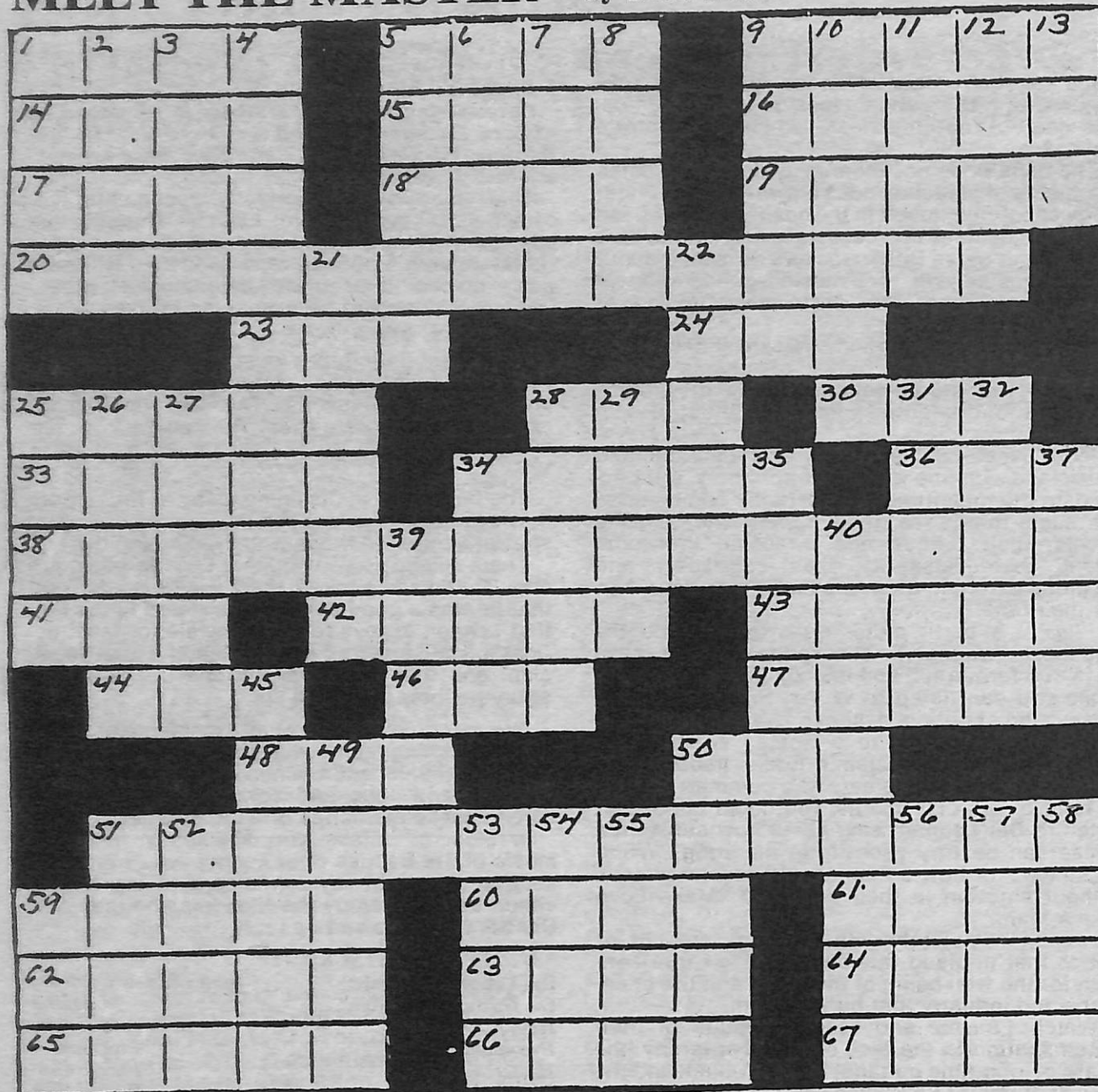
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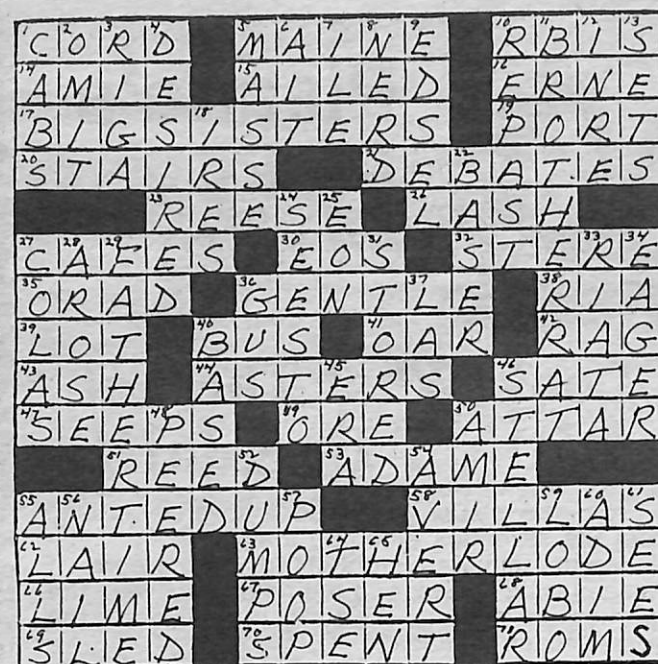
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# MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



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## Cheerleader Boosters At AHS Plan Art Auction For Friday, March 25th

On Friday, March 25th, the Agawam High School Cheerleader Booster Club and the AHS cheerleaders will sponsor an art auction at the Agawam High School.

The auction will be held in conjunction with Ross Galleries, Inc., of New York, and will feature such artists as Picasso, Dali, Chagall, Moses, Rockwell, and many other favorites.

Admission to the auction will be \$4 per person, and \$7 per couple. Tickets may be purchased at the door. The preview will begin at 7:00 p.m., and

the auction will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Proceeds from this auction will be used for the cheerleader scholarships, and to help defray costs for next year's activities. Each year the cheerleaders must raise money to pay for such things as camp, competitions, uniforms, etc.

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Bastin is renowned as the most important nature artist in the Netherlands today. In the grand tradition of Dutch nature painting, she captures her passion for everything that grows in lifelike drawings. Her line of Hallmark products reflects the small forest creatures, wildflowers, birds, insects, and wildlife that surround her woodland home in Holland, according to Robert McElligott, owner of Surprise! Card and Gift. Envelopes also feature Bastin's intricate designs for an exquisite look.

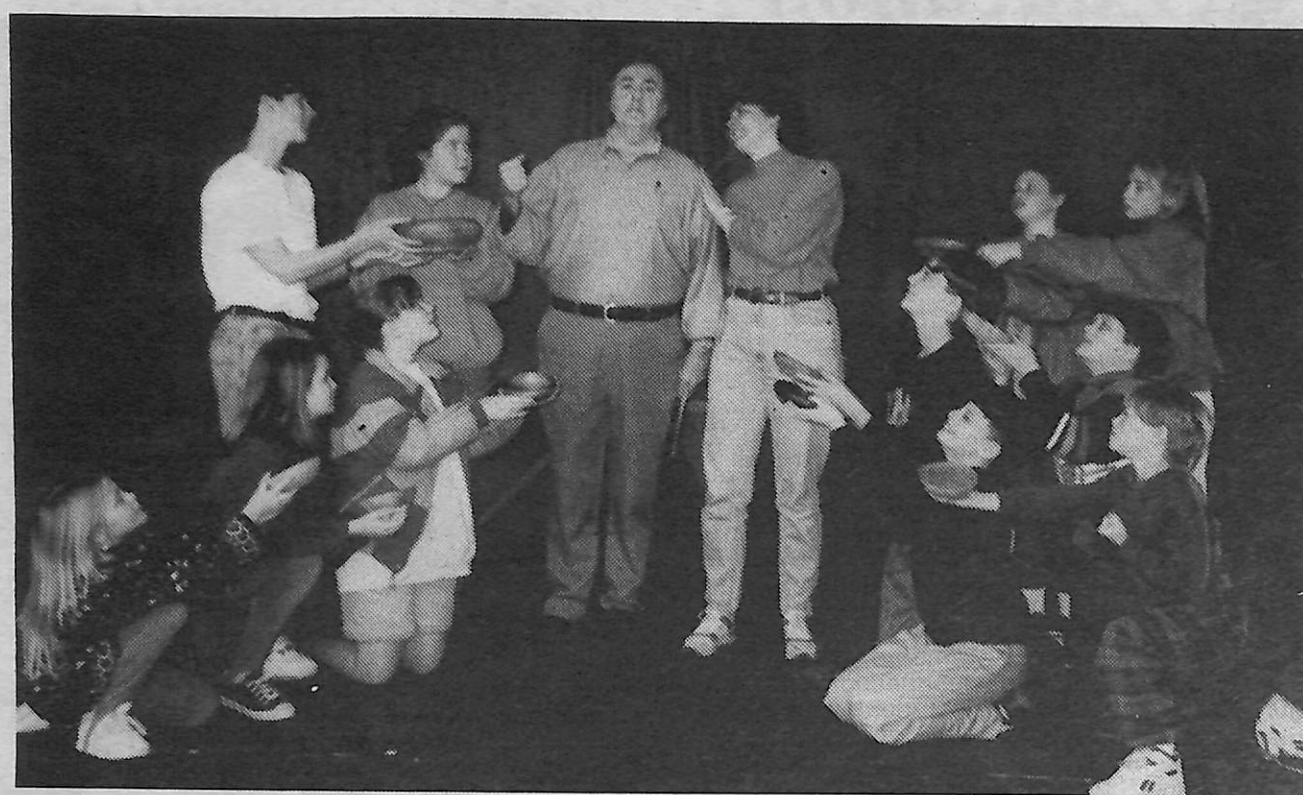
Bastin's work is amazingly detailed. Its fine-lined beauty, soft colors, and realism will appeal both to gardening lovers and nature enthusiasts as well as to lovers of art, according to McElligott.

Europeans have enjoyed Bastin's enchanted illustrations for years. Her drawings appear in the weekly magazine *Libelle*, and she writes and illustrates children's books featuring a popular Marjolein creation, Vera the Mouse. Her nature-themed artwork has been featured on a limited line of self-expression products offered in Europe by Spanjersberg, a Dutch greeting card company owned by Hallmark cards.

Surprise! Card and Gift offers the complete Hallmark Marjolein Bastin line, including more than 70 greeting cards and everyday specialty products featuring Bastin's artwork, launching Bastin's art in the United States.

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Coming to the "Big E" this year will be a "first" for these two shows, and it is an occasion to which we look forward very eagerly. The entry at these shows will be unlimited; we look forward to about 1,400 dogs each day.

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## Education

### Robinson Students Receive Tour Of Ancient Greece

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

A native of Greece, Town Council Vice-President George Bitzas recently visited Robinson Park School to present an overview of Greek culture that spanned 6,000 years to the students in Barbara Regish's fourth grade class.

Originally planned as a 30 minute slide show and discussion of ancient and modern Greek culture, Bitzas' presentation expanded into a discussion lasting over an hour as the children's interest in the subject became apparent through their attention and insightful questions. Time ran out for Bitzas and the students as school dismissal time approached.

#### Questions Could Have Gone On And On

"He's great with the kids. He really captured their attention for over an hour and that's unusual for fourth graders," Mrs. Regish said. "He could have gone on and on and I don't think their questions would have stopped."

Blending elements of mythology and history with his own memories of growing up in Greece (and slides of family vacations there), Bitzas gave the children an overview of the contributions of Greek culture to western civilization.

Bitzas showed slides of the architectural masterpieces of the ancient Greeks as well as slides of the picturesque beauty of the towns of the Greek Islands.

Capitolizing on the current interest in the Olympic Games, Bitzas explained the history of the games, beginning with their origin in Ancient Greece. Originating in 776 BC, the ancient games were held every four years until 339 BC, capturing the attention of the entire population of the Greek empire as warring city-states declared a truce for the duration of the games.

Showing slides of the ancient Olympic stadia, Bitzas explained that while winning was important, it was considered an honor just to compete in the games. While the games drew crowds of up to 100,000 spectators, the stadia could not accommodate so many people. It was an honor merely to watch the athletes march into the competition.



**TOWN COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT GEORGE BITZAS (center), a native of Greece, gave a program on Greek culture to fourth grade students of Barbara Regish at Robinson Park School.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

The modern Olympic Games resumed in 1896 through the efforts of the Greek government, Bitzas said. The five rings of the Olympic symbol represent the five continents.

Using slides of the ruins of the ancient Acropolis at Athens, Bitzas introduced the children to the mythology created by the ancient Greeks to explain the natural world.

In addition to slides taken of the wonders of the ancient world, Bitzas showed slides of the Meteora monasteries built atop gigantic stalagmites in central Greece. Originally built in the 14th century, the monasteries were accessible only through baskets hauled up and down the cliffs by ropes.

Today, the monasteries can be reached by climbing the steps carved into the rock. Five of the monasteries are still occupied and can be visited by tourists. "You have to dress very respectfully if

you want to visit," Bitzas said. "Men must wear long sleeves and pants, no shorts. And the women must wear dresses."

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As Bitzas showed slides of modern Greek cities and towns, he told the children almost nothing is built of wood in the entire country. Because Greece is a rocky, mountainous country without forests, all buildings are built of stone or marble. Bitzas said it is not uncommon for homes to be built with marble floors as marble is so plentiful and inexpensive.

Bitzas told the children he emigrated to the United States after completing his military service in the Greek army. Bitzas said he was most impressed by the difference between the grey mountainous landscape of his native land and the lush greenery of the American countryside. "This seemed like a paradise to me," Bitzas said.

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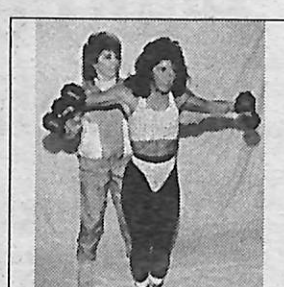
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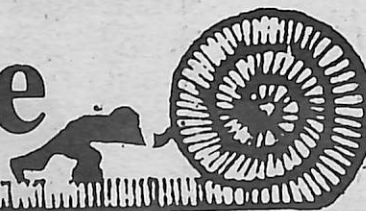
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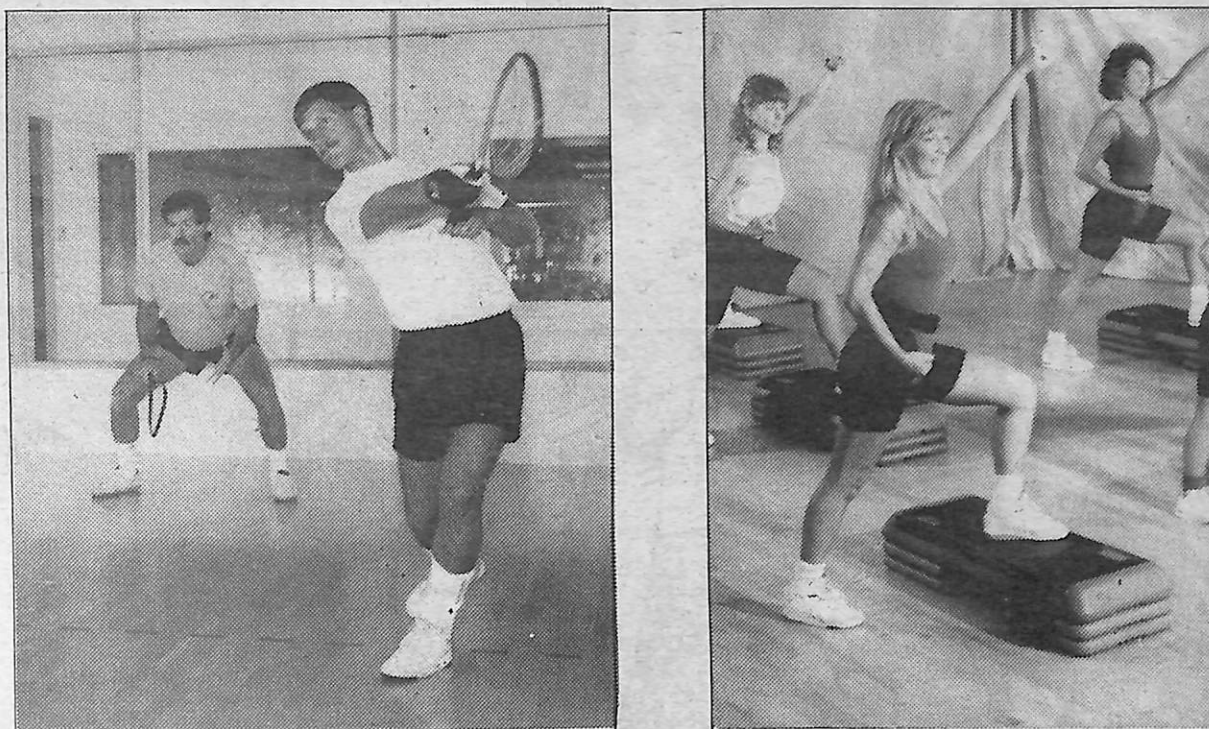
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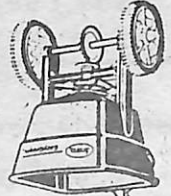
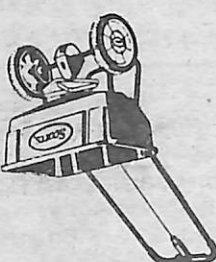
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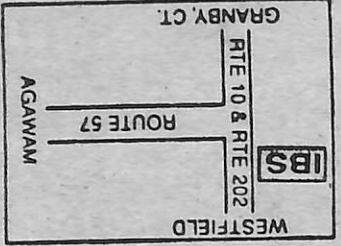
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# Phelps Visited By Out Of This World Science Exhibit

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Some people thought it looked like a giant silver mushroom had grown overnight in the gym at Phelps School and others insisted it looked like a giant Jiffy-pop popcorn pan ready to burst open.

Robert Shea's fourth graders termed it, "Awesome!" as they filed into the gym for their first look at a portable planetarium.

Robyn Symonds of the Springfield Science Museum brought Starlab to Phelps for three days of exploring the universe with all the students at the school.

The silver, dome-shaped balloon takes about 45 minutes to set up. A standard window fan blows air into the structure to inflate it and to maintain its shape at the same time it provides ventilation inside the planetarium.

Ms. Symonds gave the students a brief introduction into astronomy and a review of basic information on the relationship between the sun and the earth. Clearly pleased that his students were able to supply the correct answers to the questions Ms. Symonds posed, Shea remarked, "We talked about this in September."

After crawling through the igloo-like tunnel leading into Starlab, the students were seated on the floor around the heart of the planetarium, the star projector.

## Air Pressure Keeps Starlab Arched

Ms. Symonds explained that air pressure keeps Starlab arched overhead rather like a giant balloon. As the light slowly faded, the children watched for the first stars to come out. Gradually, more stars began to appear as Ms. Symonds set the star projector to produce the same night sky we see at 8:00 p.m. at this time of the year.

Before trying to find the constellations, Ms. Symonds showed the children how to orient themselves to find the northern portion of the sky where they will find Polaris, the North Star. Once Polaris was found, Ms. Symonds traced out the Big Dipper and from there pointed out how easy it was to find the Little Dipper.

Moving across to the southern sky, Ms. Symonds told the children to look for three bright stars in a row to find her favorite constellation, Orion. Starting with the three stars of Orion's belt,

## Youth Cheerleaders To Hold Parents' Meeting

There will be an informative meeting for all parents whose daughters are interested in trying out for the Agawam Youth Cheerleaders' 1994 fall season. The girls must be in fifth or sixth grade for the Junior Squad, or seventh or eighth grade for the Senior Squad.

The meeting will take place at the Agawam Public Library on Thursday, March 24th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

This meeting is for PARENTS ONLY. Please do not bring your daughters, as it becomes too crowded and confusing (thank you).

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**PHELPS SCHOOL FOURTH GRADE TEACHER Robert Shea (right, back) and his students welcome Robyn Symonds and Starlab from the Springfield Science Museum. Advertiser**

News photo by Jack Devine.

Ms. Symonds traced the outline of the hunter and his sword and shield. As Ms. Symonds explained, the ancient Greeks thought Orion was in constant combat with Taurus the Bull.

## "The Sky Is Alive"

According to Ms. Symonds, ancient people from all over the world looked to the sky and created myths about the pictures they saw in the stars. "The Greeks thought the sky was alive with people and animals. Today, astronomers believe there may be stars out there with planets that may have life on them. That's why the sky is alive to me."

Ms. Symonds urged the children to begin looking for the familiar constellations whenever they see the stars and to use their imaginations in finding their own pictures in the night sky.

To a chorus of "awesome" and "cool," Ms. Symonds ended her presentation by setting the

star projector to simulate the changes in the stars' positions as they take their nightly stroll across the heavens.

Starlab came to Phelps through the efforts of parent Susan Dempsey. She secured a grant from the Agawam Cultural Council's program to support interpretive sciences in Massachusetts.

After viewing the Starlab presentation, Mrs. Dempsey expressed her approval for the program. "This is so great! I'm glad we did this," Mrs. Dempsey said.

Ms. Symonds has been presenting the Starlab Program in area schools for the two years the program has been offered by Springfield Science Museum. Originally an elementary teacher with a background in biology, Ms. Symonds said, "The Science Museum trained me in astronomy and I love it. Now, I only want to do the astronomy programs."

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## Fahey Receives Faculty Award At Agawam High School

The February 1994 Orange and Brown Outstanding Performance Award goes to John "Jack" Fahey of the Science Department.

Fahey is a graduate of St. Anselm's College with a bachelor of science in chemistry. He later received his master's degree at Worcester Polytech Institute. He has taught in the Science Department at Agawam High School for over 20 years.

Fahey was nominated by his peers and students, citing his willingness to remain after school daily to help students. Students commented on the quality of education which prepared them for the rigors of college.

He has also been recognized by his professional peers as a person who speaks up for education and the quality of services needed to prepare students for "the real world." He is considered to be honest and extremely dedicated to his work.

In addition to his work here at Agawam High School, he is extremely active with the Western Massachusetts Umpires Association. He has also served the association as its secretary and treasurer.



AGAWAM HIGH Science Department member John "Jack" Fahey receives the February 1994 Orange and Brown Outstanding Performance Award from Cindy McCormack. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

## The Children's School Is Now Accepting Fall 1994 Registrations

The Children's School, located at 900 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, is currently accepting registrations for fall 1994. The Children's School offers a Monday/Wednesday/Friday morning and afternoon Pre-K program, and a Tuesday/Thursday morning and afternoon program for ages 2.9 years and up.

Please call Debbie Conte at 786-7729 to come in and observe the program.

## PTO Meeting At Junior High Rescheduled For Monday, March 28th; Parents Welcome

The Agawam Junior High School PTO meeting that was originally scheduled for Monday, March 21st, has been changed to Monday, March 28th.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

All parents of Junior High students are welcome.

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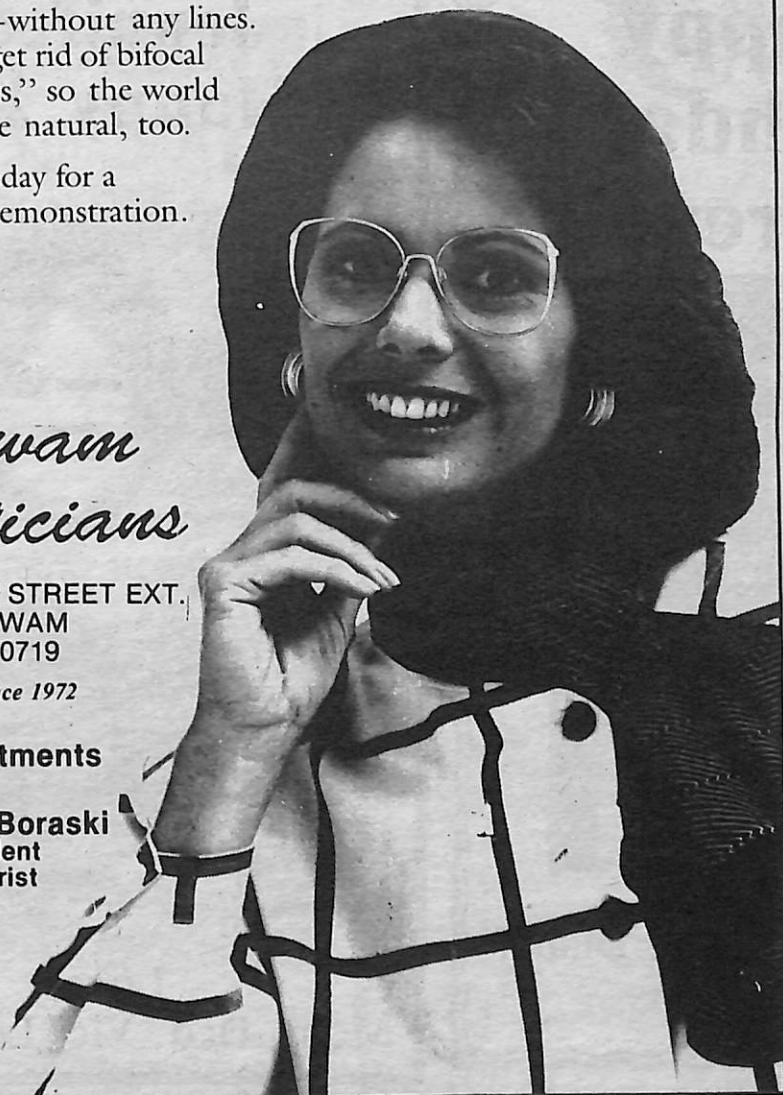
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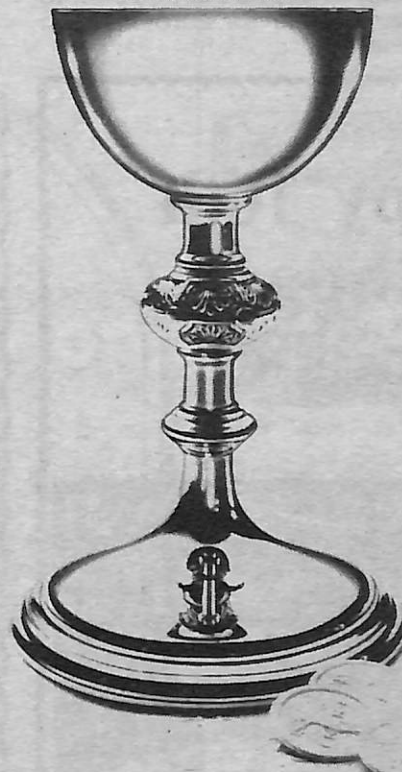
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## Agawam Schools' "What's Happening?"

(March 19th to March 25th)

### \* March 19th - Saturday:

High School - "Saturday Nite Out,"  
Fitness First Health Club, 7:30 to 11:00  
p.m.

### \* March 20th - Sunday:

Spring begins!

### \* March 21st - Monday:

Phelps School - D.A.R.E. Program con-  
tinues.

Junior High School - Assembly, Sr.  
High Chorus.

High School - AIDS Awareness Night  
(rescheduled from March 3rd). Informa-  
tion program for parents of students in  
grades 7 through 12, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

### \* March 22nd - Tuesday:

Middle School - Project S.E.E. Field  
Trip, grade 6, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### \* March 23rd - Wednesday:

Phelps School - Kindergarten Orienta-  
tion Parents' Nite, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Robinson Park School - Magic program  
on recycling, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### \* March 24th - Thursday:

Robinson Park School - Fundraiser  
delivery.

### \* March 25th - Friday:

Early Release Day - Teachers' In-  
Service.

High School

- Deadline for payment of Advanced  
Placement Exam fee.

- Cheerleader Boosters' Art Auction  
(preview 7:00 p.m.; auction 8:00 p.m.).

## Parent Info Night For New Kindergarteners

In preparation for Agawam's kindergarten  
registration, a parent information night will be  
held on Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at  
Phelps Elementary School.

Parents of all children entering kindergarten in  
September 1994 are invited to attend.

The program will be to answer questions  
parents might have in regard to their child enter-  
ing school in September.

Children who will be five (5) years of age prior to  
October 1st, 1994 are eligible for enrollment in  
kindergarten in September.



**PARTICIPANTS IN THE UPCOMING AIDS Awareness Night at Agawam High School on March 21st will include, from left - Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney, AIDS Educator JoAnn Dinnie (Baystate Medical Center), and Connie Hutton, health coordinator, Agawam Schools. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**

## Sarah Fogg On URI Dean's List

Sarah Fogg, daughter of George and Ingrid Fogg, formerly of Agawam and now residing in Kennebunk, Maine, has been named to the Dean's List for the 1993 fall semester at the University of Rhode Island.

Ms. Fogg is a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School and is currently a junior majoring in biology.

Students must attain a grade point average of 3.3 or higher to be named to the Dean's List at the University of Rhode Island.

## Kristen A. Radtke On Gordon's Honors List

Kristen A. Radtke, daughter of Paul and Deborah Radtke of 135 Karen Lynn Circle, Feeding Hills, was on the dean's list for the fall semester at Gordon College in Wenham, where she is a senior majoring in chemistry.

Dean's list students at Gordon must have a grade-point average of 3.6 or better with no grade below a C.

## AIDS Awareness Night Rescheduled To 3/21

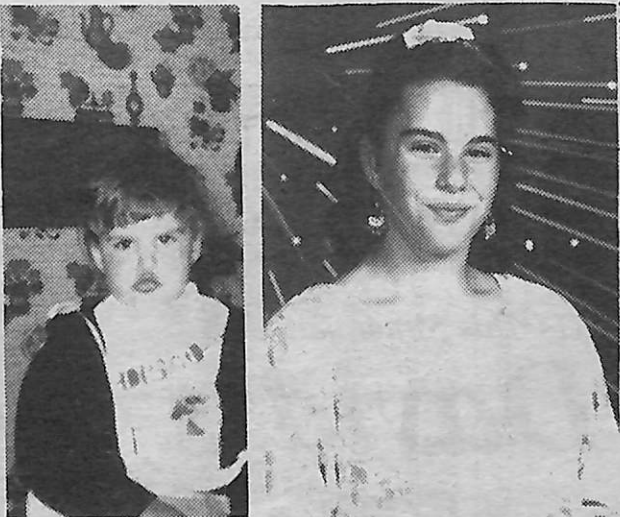
Due to inclement weather on Thursday, March 3rd, Athletic and Health Education Director Kathleen McSweeney and Health Curriculum Coordinator Connie Hutton have announced that an AIDS Awareness Night originally scheduled for that evening has been rescheduled to Monday, March 21st.

This forum will take place from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School auditorium, and is geared towards parents who have children who are currently in grades seven through 12.

During the forum, health and school officials (including JoAnn Dinnie, a nurse educator from Baystate Medical Center) will offer the latest information about AIDS and the virus which causes the disease. They will also offer advice to parents on how they can talk about the subject with their children.

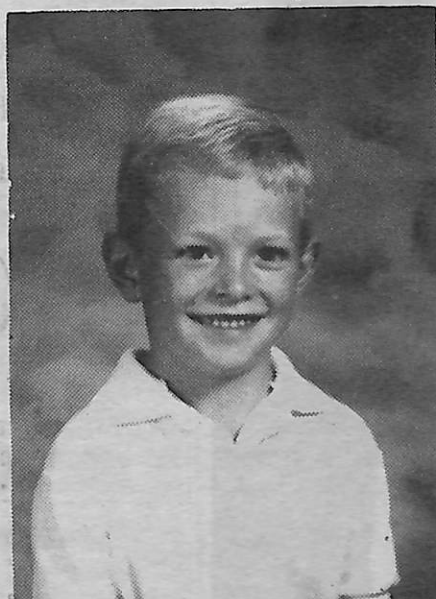
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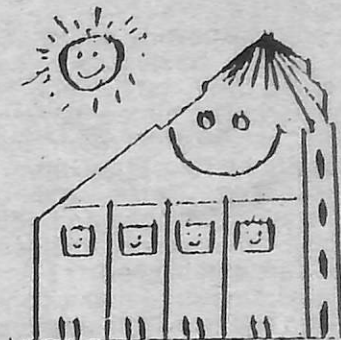
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## Agawam Public Schools Ed-Ventures

by Donald J. Charest  
Associate Superintendent



### "No School In Agawam"

"No School In Agawam."

Now there are four words we've heard a lot this winter. Have you ever wondered: Who makes this decision? How? Why?

The process usually begins in late fall of each school year. A meeting is held with a representative of the DPW, the owner of the bus company, and the associate superintendent of schools. It's sort of a "get ready for winter" meeting at which the procedures for cancelling or delaying school are discussed. Home and business phone numbers are exchanged and updated. Time lines for decision-making are decided, and telephone "chains" are established.

Our next step is to make contact with several local radio and television stations. They generally respond to us in writing of their offer to announce Agawam's school closings and delays. Each station requires the use of a coded phrase or word when early morning calls from our school department are made. Codes change yearly and are different for each station.

After all of the "get ready" steps are completed, we keep a close daily watch on weather predic-

tions. Our day usually ends with the 11:00 p.m. weather report. If there is any chance of snow or ice overnight, the alarm is set for 4:00 a.m.

When morning comes and DOPPLER RADAR was right, plans and decisions must be made fairly quickly. My first contact is with the DPW to get an update on road conditions. We rely heavily on advice from the DPW and appreciate their efforts.

Remember that it is still only 4:00 to 4:30 a.m. and we are trying to make a decision based on what the road conditions will be by 7:00 o'clock, which is the start of the high school bus runs. If there is a foot of snow or an inch of ice on the roads, the decision is an easy one—CANCEL. It's when snow is falling lightly but a *THREAT* of heavy accumulations lingers ... this is when decisions become tough.

The superintendent and associate discuss the situation. By this time, Mr. Ryder has already spoken with several area superintendents to get a feel of what's happening in other towns and who's doing what. It's now around 5:00 or 5:15 a.m.; the decision is made and the phone calls begin to radio and TV stations, the police department, and bus companies.

A number of years ago, Agawam introduced the "one hour delay." This procedure is used when it is felt that road and weather conditions will improve. In effect, we are buying time (one hour) and still have the ability to cancel if conditions do not improve.

If there is a delay, kindergarten and early childhood classes are automatically cancelled. This method has become quite popular in our region and gives us a good option.

While our decisions are not always agreed with, please be assured that your child's safety is our major concern.

### Seminar To Create High Self-Esteem For Kids 9 To 13

The seminar "Creating High Self-Esteem and Empowerment For Children Ages 9 to 13" will be held on Saturday, April 2nd from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m.

The program is led by educator and nationally recognized speaker Dr. Steve Sobel of The New England Institute For Stress and Lifestyle Management of West Springfield.

The seminar will help youngsters deal effective-

ly with peers, make sound choices in social and school situations, set goals, and deal with rejection.

Call 785-1259 for full program description and registration information. Cost is \$10 per child. Seating is limited.

This program has been presented at schools and conferences all over the United States by Dr. Sobel.

## Artist Of The Month



MISS KIMBERLY MCKAY is the "Artist of the Month" for February at Agawam High School. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edward McKay at 45 Brookside Drive, Feeding Hills, and a student of Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal. The Class of 1994 member has two brothers, is interested in sports and was on the school's gymnastics team for three years. She has also tried track and swimming. She will be either attending Westfield State or STCC. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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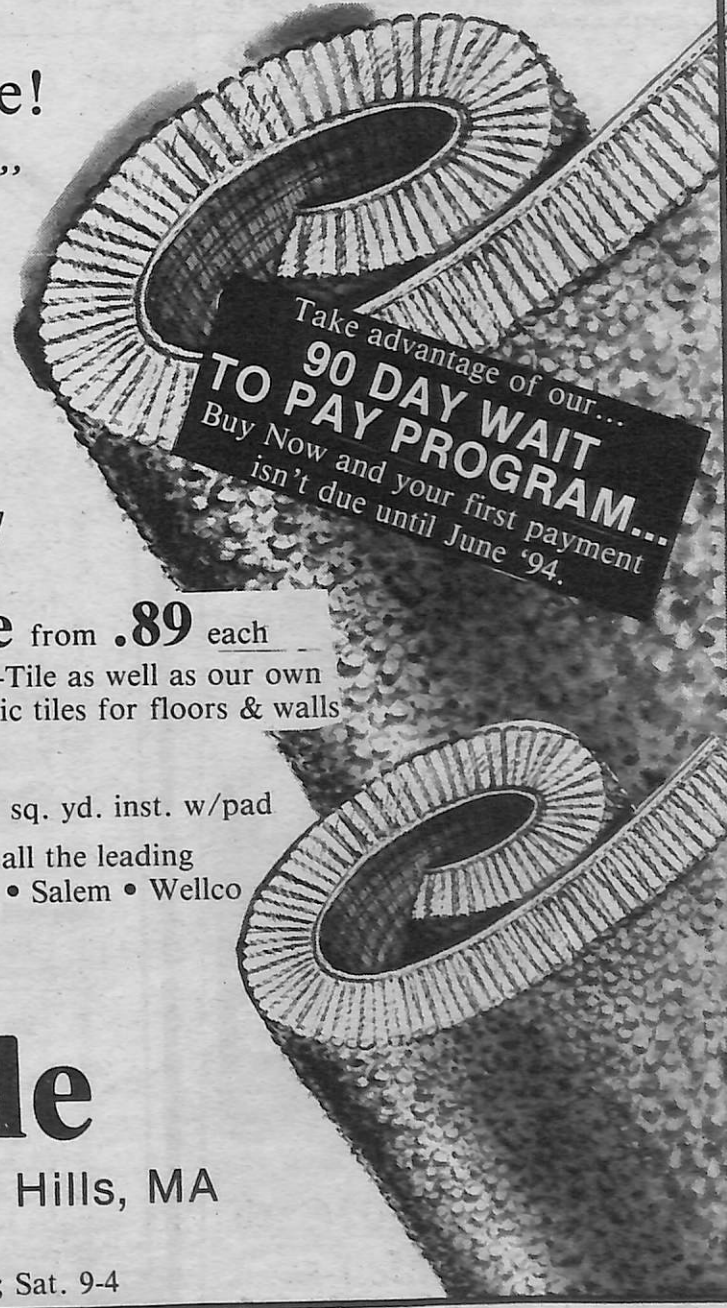
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## Agawam High Guidance Report

by Paul C. Cavallo  
Chairman

### Assessment Test For Grades 4, 8, & 10

Beginning next week, grades 4, 8, and 10 will be taking the Massachusetts Educational Assessment test. The testing program has been mandated by the Education Reform Act and will occur annually.

The assessment covers reading, mathematics, science, social studies, and writing. Writing is assessed through responses to open-ended questions in the content areas.

On the assessment, each student answers approximately 15 to 20 multiple choice questions and at least one open-ended question in each of the subject areas. Some open-ended responses are evaluated for writing skills in addition to content.

The Massachusetts Education Assessment Program (MEAP) promotes improved curriculum and instructions by asking questions that go beyond the simple recall of facts. Through the use of open-ended questions, students must demonstrate higher order skills such as problem solving, analysis, and evaluation. In addition, the results of the MEAP can be used to evaluate program effectiveness, to design performance profiles of the student body, and to articulate achievement goals.

The MEAP promotes accountability through the public reporting of school and district performance. The Department of Education works closely with schools and districts to ensure the appropriate use of these results.

Future assessments results will promote accountability not only through the public reporting of the students' performance, but also by assessing whether students have achieved standards required for graduation and by serving as one of the factors in evaluating schools and school districts.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

—Wednesday, April 13th: Junior Parent Night (more news to follow regarding this event).

—May 7th SAT: Deadline for registration is April 1st, 1994.

—Parents Informational Program for incoming ninth graders: May 1994 (specifics will follow).

#### GUIDANCE BULLETIN

**COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES:** Congratulations!

Michael Fisher - Anna Maria, HCC

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sity of Massachusetts, University of Rhode Island.  
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Erinn Wynne - U.Mass  
Cindy Liska - Unity College  
Nicole Charette - HCC  
Jeff Campbell - Westfield State  
Jen Mangano - Fitchburg State, Bridgewater State  
John Hogan - R.P.I., U.Mass  
Lisa Savioli - Syracuse University  
Nicole DeCosmo - Holy Cross, U.Mass  
Jamie Gaudette - Salem State, Fitchburg State, Bridgewater State  
Tiffany Maleshefski - Fordham University, Emerson College  
Joe Bianca - Syracuse University, U.Conn, WNEC, Westfield State  
Maryann Cimma - HCC  
Nicole Racicot - University of Miami, U.Mass  
Sean Rose - Roger Williams University  
Greg Borecki - Assumption

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** See your counselor for more information.

**Michael Dobiecki Memorial Scholarship**  
-Criteria to be used in the selection process for this scholarship are scholastic achievement, outside activities, community endeavors, citizenship,

financial need, and intention to attend a four-year, degree-granting college or university. Deadline: March 31st, 1994.

**Ruth S.T. Cotting Memorial Scholarship** - Open to members of a 4-H Club or a student who plans to major in architecture, forestry, horticulture, landscape design, soil or animal science, wildlife biology, or a related field at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Deadline: May 1st, 1994.

**Holyoke Community College - The McIntyre Scholarship** is open to students who plan to enroll in arts & science, music, or visual arts. The Barowsky Scholarship has no curriculum restrictions. Deadline: April 15th, 1994.

**Suffolk University Maria Stewart Scholarship** - Available to minority students who plan to attend Suffolk.

**Community Theater Association Scholarship** - Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded. To be eligible to apply, the student must be planning to major in a theater arts program in college. Deadline: April 8th, 1994.

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## Heritage Hall Offers Internships To AHS

Aspiring healthcare professionals from Agawam High School will get a glimpse of their future in a new credited internship offered at Heritage Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 61 Cooper Street. The half-year course will provide hands-on, practical knowledge to students interested in a career in any health-related field.

The idea of offering a credited internship was first introduced by Brenda Marsian, Director of Volunteer Services for Heritage Hall, located just down the street from the high school.

Heritage, which is owned and managed by Genesis Health Ventures, the sixth largest geriatric healthcare company in the country, "is a rich resource for students interested in pursuing careers in healthcare," commented Marsian, who contacted high school guidance counselor Alan Cohen about developing the course.

"Fortunately, Mr. Cohen, along with Principal Russell Furtado, have already implemented career workshops for students to explore possible job opportunities. Heritage fit perfectly into the high school's plans to establish business alliances with local companies," continued Marsian.

Instructed by a different Heritage Hall department head each week, students will learn about the various opportunities in healthcare. Students will meet with administrators, physicians, nurses, physical, occupational, and speech therapists, social workers, nutritionists, recreation directors, and physical plant managers.

Once the lecture portion of the course is finished, the class will spend the remainder of the term completing mandatory volunteer hours at Heritage. If a student would like to specialize in a field such as physical therapy, they can work directly with a therapist and assist with exercise programs or observe other rehabilitative assignments.

"The nursing home's objective is to be a resource for students. While learning the ropes of the workforce from the professionals themselves, they can also whet their appetite with some terrific community service work," Marsian added that the program acts as a great resume and college transcript enhancer.

For information, contact Marsian at (413) 786-8000, or Cohen at (413) 789-1400, ext. 421.

## AHS GUIDANCE - from Page 39...

**Larry Briggs Memorial Scholarship** - Any student athlete graduating from a high school in the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire Counties is eligible to apply. The candidate must have been a participating member of the varsity basketball program at his/her respective high school. The basis for awarding the scholarship will focus on the applicant's scholarship, character, leadership, and financial need. Three \$500 scholarships will be awarded. Deadline: April 8th, 1994.

**Hal Blaine Music Scholarship** - Available to students who plan to major in music at Holyoke Community College. Deadline: April 15th, 1994.

**OPEN HOUSES:** See your counselor for more information.

**Culinary Institute of New Hampshire College** - March 31st and April 14th; 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Smith College Preview Day** - April 5th, 1994; 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Junior girls who are interested in Smith have the opportunity to experience campus life at Smith by attending classes and eating lunch with Smith students.

## Conte Makes Dean's List

Joy-Ann Conte, daughter of Joseph and Bernadette Conte of 661 Barry Street, Feeding Hills, has been named to the Dean's List for the 1993 fall semester at the University of Rochester, Rochester, New York.

Joy, a 1993 Agawam High School graduate, is currently majoring in biology/pre-med at UR. She is actively involved in Dorm Council, a volunteer tutor at Baden Street Settlement (a local children's center), and was recently elected secretary of the university's chapter of Circle K, an international service organization.

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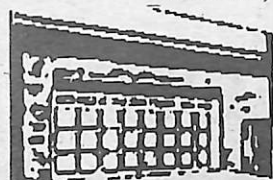


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## Adults Needed As Facilitators To Help Kids Quit Smoking

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

The Agawam Public Schools is offering interested adults in the community the opportunity to be trained as facilitators to help teenagers kick the smoking habit.

Adults who work with young people, whether it be in scouting, church groups, sports teams, or other activities, can receive free training to lead the eight sessions of **Tobacco-Free Teens**. The training is a step-by-step walk through the program's curriculum.

**Tobacco-Free Teens** is a program of the American Lung Association aimed at helping teens with a desire to quit using tobacco. The program consists of eight sessions extending over four weeks.

Non-smokers or ex-smokers who have some experience in group leadership are eligible to become facilitators.

According to Health Coordinator Connie Hutton, "It is possible for facilitators to do a team effort in leading the sessions."

In the training sessions, the facilitators will learn to develop strategies for implementing the program and recruiting teens, identify the various levels of tobacco cessation, apply systemic behavior changes with adolescents, and incorporate peer leaders in the quitting process.

**Tobacco-Free Teens** seeks to help young people quit using tobacco before it becomes a long term addiction. According to the American Lung Association, 50 percent of adult smokers started smoking before age 14 and 90 percent started by age 19. The average age of a new smoker in Massachusetts is 10 years.

The facilitator training will be held at AHS, on Wednesday, March 30th and Thursday, March 31st from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

If you would like to assist teens in making smoking history, contact Connie Hutton, AHS health coordinator, at 789-1400, extension 420 (before March 25th).

## Resolving Conflicts New Pilot Program At Middle School

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

In the spring, sixth graders at Agawam Middle School will participate in a pilot program designed to teach students how to resolve conflicts before tensions can erupt into violence.

The Springfield-based Center For Human Development will provide training in conflict management and violence prevention to all guidance counselors, Home School Adjustment counselors, and school psychologists, who will present the program to the sixth graders.

Health Coordinator Connie Hutton said the school system will benefit from training the counselors rather than teachers because they will be able to use the skills learned throughout the system. "We thought it was a good idea to train people from the earliest grades through high school," Mrs. Hutton said.

Funded by a grant from the state's Health Protection Fund, the program will train the counselors to verbally de-escalate conflict and aggression and learn strategies to maintain safety for themselves as well as students in conflict situations.

The training will include mediation techniques, negotiation skills, and enhanced communication strategies.

The Lifeskills Violence Prevention Curriculum aims to teach students anger management, empathy building, communication skills, and win/win negotiation strategies.

The program will provide instruction in technique and strategies and the opportunity for students to gain experience in using them through classroom work and take home exercises to involve the students' families.

## Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, March 21st:** Oven-baked chicken nuggets, seasoned diced carrots, dipping sauce, bread & butter, oven French fries, chilled pears, milk.

**Tuesday, March 22nd:** Taco boat with cheese topping, lettuce & sliced tomatoes, salsa sauce, sweet niblet corn, spiced applesauce, peanut butter cookie, milk.

**Wednesday, March 23rd:** Meatballs in tomato sauce, buttered macaroni, seasoned green beans, apple crisp, milk.

**Thursday, March 24th:** Chicken & tortellini soup, grilled cheese sandwich with pickle chips, tossed garden salad with French dressing, chocolate cake with vanilla icing, milk.

**Friday, March 25th:** In-Service Day (no lunches served).

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to the **Agawam School Lunch**.)

## Megan McDade On Stonehill Dean's List

Megan McDade, daughter of Ed and Brenda McDade of Feeding Hills, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 1993 semester at Stonehill College.

Megan is a graduate of Agawam High School and is a senior majoring in psychology. Some of the various activities she is involved with include ACES (active concerned educated students), Peer Education, Academic Club For Kids, NERO (Helping Each Other Reach Out), and senior class gift committee.

## Karen Dean Receives Dean's List Status

Karen Dean, daughter of Ken and Linda Dean of Agawam, has been named to the Dean's List at Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven for the 1993 fall semester with a 3.40 average.

Karen is a sophomore with a dual major in elementary education and recreation and leisure. She has been on the Dean's List for all three semesters at Southern.

## WMass Safe Kids Coalition Supports New Bicycle Helmet Law In Effect

Each year, over 1,200 people die and thousands more are seriously injured throughout the country in bicycle accidents because they did not wear helmets.

Members of the Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition, based at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital, hope that the new Massachusetts Helmet Law (which went into effect March 8th, 1994) will help save lives.

"Wearing a bicycle helmet can make a drastic difference in your safety. Helmets have been shown to reduce the risk of head injury by 85% and the risk of brain injury by 90%," said Shirley LaRoche, R.N., coordinator of the Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition.

Despite these facts, LaRoche noted, it's estimated that less than 10% of all bicyclists—and less than 5% of all children—wear helmets. She added that one in seven children suffers

head injuries in bike-related accidents, and 75% of all cyclists' deaths involve head injuries.

The Massachusetts Bicycle Helmet Law states that "any person 12 years of age or younger operating a bicycle or being carried as a passenger on a bicycle on a public way, bike path, or any other public right-of-way must wear an approved helmet."

According to the new law, helmets must meet safety standards set by ANSI or SNELL, two organizations that publish standards for bicycle helmets in the United States. In addition, the helmets must fit well and be secured by straps when the bicycle is being operated.

For more information about helmets and bicycle safety, call the Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition based at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital at 784-5434.

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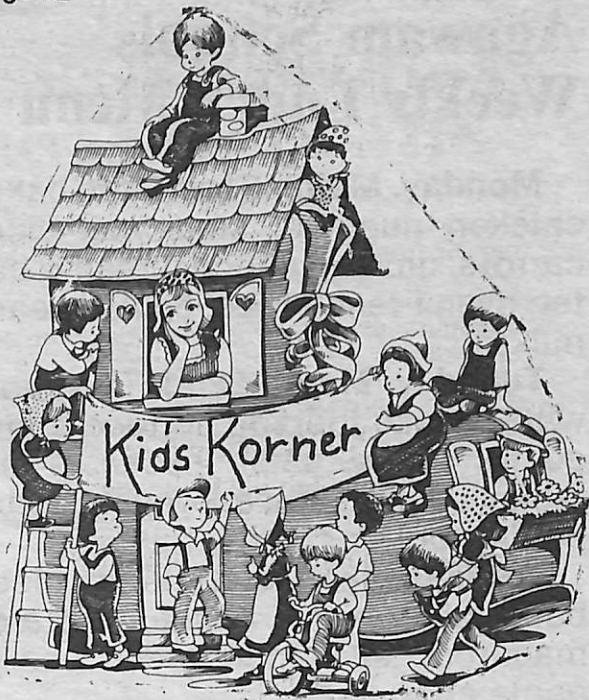
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The snow is falling like glitter,  
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People stop to watch the snow  
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**Snow**  
Night is white  
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aren't I right?  
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Look at the snow fall  
It is very beautiful  
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The snow dots the  
Forest floor with gleaming white  
While the wind is blown.  
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A snowy day is  
Very pretty when you are  
Out noticing it.  
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The trees filled with snow,  
Were overflowing with white,  
Another bright day.  
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Icicles dripping,  
Melting with the whited snow  
Are shimmering now.  
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Snow is very white  
The snow looks like cotton and  
It tastes like nothing.  
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Snow is very fun,  
Sometimes I wish for the sun.  
I like my sled,  
My sled feels like a bed,  
But when I asked my dad if I could go play,  
My dad said, "Not today!"  
Maybe I can go out another day,  
Ya another day!  
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**See The Snow**  
See the snow fall.  
It's like a diamond.  
It shines so lightly.  
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children playing in the  
soft snow.  
They can slide down  
the hills, up and down.  
Now you know how  
nice the snow is.  
**Danielle Cardin**

**Snow Day**  
Snow is pretty  
Fake or real  
When we're out, cold we feel.  
When it's time to go inside  
Some won't want to, some would mind,  
We'll sit by the fire cozy,  
Warm our hands and are tozy'es.  
We'll drink hot cocoa with marshmallows, too  
And soon it will be bed for me and you!  
**Jenna Bodartha**

The snow is very deep,  
It falls down very hard.  
It covers my cold feet,  
And my dog in the yard.  
It is very white,  
And when it falls,  
It looks like a bright.  
**Brandon Orsatti**

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**Haiku**

Winter is the sky  
and Winter is very bright  
and Winter is right  
*Justin Eisenbeiser*

**Couplet**

The snow is here,  
It's all around.  
In the village,  
It's on the ground.  
It's so quiet,  
As soft as silk.  
I love the snow,  
It's white as milk.  
*Victoria Conti*

**Haiku**

Snow is very soft,  
Like the down of baby birds.  
Falling like cotton  
*Victoria Conti*

**Alphabet Poem**

White  
I love it  
Not hot  
Takes lots of shoveling  
Exciting  
Radiant

So very soft  
Nice to have around  
On the ground  
Winter

*Victoria Conti*

Snow falling in the woods  
Making animals scatter  
For food in the forest

*Jerry Maloni*

Trees are very tall,  
I could sleep in it tonight,  
with my big sister.

*Sean DeValle.*

**A Snowy Day**

It's a snowy day  
While children say,  
"It's snowing! It's snowing!"  
And parents say, "Not today!"  
"Please, mommy? Please?"  
"No! You'll catch the sneeze.  
And don't be so bold,  
You'll catch a cold!"  
*B.J Linder*

**Haiku**

The earth is white on  
A winter morning when the  
Snow is everywhere  
*Chet Comee*

**Snow Is Beautiful**

Snow is a beautiful thing.  
When it is on the roof-tops.  
And when it is falling in the morning.  
Of course the snow is beautiful.  
*Chet Comee*

Snow, Snow, I have to shovel,  
Overnight, the snow seems to double.  
I'm outside shoveling all night long.  
Now I wish we had some sun,  
And I also with the snow was done.

But it's not.  
So now I'm out shoveling 'till quarter-past dawn.  
*Jessica Martel*

**Where's The Snow?**

It goes through the chimney smog,  
Down the chute,  
And on a log.  
You can't see it.  
Tell me why.  
Just this wet stuff  
Why?  
Oh why?  
*Jamie Santos*

**4 Haikus**

The white snow is like  
Small diamonds falling from the  
Beautiful blue sky.  
*Brady Chianciola*

The sleek ice sparkled  
In the day when the sun was  
Melting the smooth ice.  
*Brady Chianciola*

When I slid down the  
Silky smooth icy hill I  
Slid into the snow.  
*Brady Chianciola*

The white snow danced through  
The bare branches of the gray  
Trees on a cold day.  
*Brady Chianciola*

**Winter**

Winter is so very cold  
And so beautiful when the snow  
Covers the ground,  
I love winter.  
Especially when you are walking  
Outside and see the birds outside  
Covered with snow,  
Or children playing outside in  
The snow,  
And when icicles  
Are hanging on people's roof  
Tops,  
I just love winter,  
Do you?

*Kayla D'Angelo*

**Snow**

Snow is pretty white,  
With little crystals that shine  
So bright all the time.  
*Kayla D'Angelo*

**Snow**

When snow is falling,  
It glistens off of the trees  
And is so pretty.  
*Kayla D'Angelo*

**Ice Chill**

Ice and snow go together like trees and leaves.  
It floats and drifts and sometimes  
Doesn't make a sound.  
Ice chill Ice chill out of the sky it  
Falls down to the ground.  
And splat there it lies.  
*Jenn Roda*

**Snow Then Sun!**

Oh, how cold it is today!  
With snow on the ground,  
And places to play!  
As snow falls it goes round,  
It comforts me in many ways.  
And then comes the sun,  
With its bright rays  
The sun is just as much fun.  
*Keegan Clark*

**Snow**

I get chills from my nose to  
My toes.  
On cold winter mornings it gives  
Me thrills.  
In the afternoon it's still so  
cold.  
And when it sparkles it looks like  
gold.  
*Keegan Clark*

I think winter is a nice time of year,  
You might even shed a tear!  
It's a nice time to see a friend,  
Or write a message you can send.  
Take a stroll around the town,  
First look up and then look down!  
It's a beautiful sight,  
With stars in the night.  
Look around what do you see?  
You might see snow that will glitter,  
Then you might notice it's very bitter!  
Did you notice something special?  
Oh did you notice something special?  
*Becca Nacewicz*

**Haiku**

Snow is so puffy,  
Looking like lacy cotton  
Falling from above  
*Victoria Conti*

**Alphabet Poems**

Soft  
Nice to make snowmen in  
On the ground  
Winter

*Victoria Conti*

**Winter Storms**

The winter storms aren't very warm.  
There can be sleet and hail.  
But what I love about winter storms  
Is watching the snow fall on my cat's tail.  
*Jamie Santos*

**Snow**

Just like powder in the air,  
Freezes up when it gets there.  
Drifts so swiftly near and far.  
The snow is so nice.  
As white as rice.  
*Jamie Santos*

**Sleet**

The bouncy sleet  
May hurt your feet.  
It comes down  
With a pop.  
When you're walking  
In that sleet  
You might just blow your top!  
*Jamie Santos*

**Winter**

Winter is very white,  
It is such a delight,  
To watch it glow on the ground,  
It is very pretty on the trees,  
It looks like fairy dust while light  
reflects on it.  
*Carey Baum*

**Winter**

Winter  
Irresistable  
Nice  
Terrific  
Ears get really cold  
Radical  
*Nick Brown*

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## Sports

# AHS REACH STATE FINALS BY BLITZING HOLY NAME Saturday Date At Centrum For Title

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Worcester Trip I was a tremendous success. And the Brownies are looking forward to going back this Saturday night (March 19th) vs. perennial state girls' power Haverill in a 5:45 p.m. tip-off for all the marbles.

The Agawam High girls' basketball team advanced to the State Division I Finals and used the S.S. Conte to sink the ship that had been sailing under the name of Holy Name High School.

The Brownies clocked the Napoleons, 58-40 in a wire to wire job that had all the critics raving at the Worcester Centrum Tuesday night.

### Brownies' Frontline Ruled

The S.S. Conte reference means that Coach Lou Conte put saddles on his two talented front-court performers, Kristen Schmaelzle and Cyndi Stone, and rode them from the opening tap to the final gun.

Stone had a game-high 26 points and Schmaelzle ruled the backboards and bashed her way to 24 of her own.

The precision with which the Brownies operated on Tuesday night may never again be duplicated! Stone scored the first hoop of the night by accepting a nice feed from Alison Jean

(both are seniors).

Schmaelzle put back her own miss to double the margin and Stone got the Worcester-based school to call timeout when she hit the bottom of the hoop with a 17-foot turnaround shot.

From 6-0 it was quickly 10-0 as Schmaelzle rebounded home a Stone miss and then Stone got her third bucket by snaring a Dina DeMarco fastball in the lane.

Meanwhile, Amy O'Brien (the 25 point per game scorer for the Naps) was already saddled with two personal fouls. Julie Paine finally got them on the board with a left corner shot. But Schmaelzle more than made up for that one as she scored off an inbounds pass to make it 12-2. She then set up shop to make the play of the game.

Agawam got the rock back and headed upcourt. A Brownie got the ball up on the glass and Schmaelzle went for it. She secured it three different times and finally threw it back into the hole and got fouled. O'Brien answered that with her first response as she pulled up and fired home a three to cut it to 18-5.

### Don't Let Them Come Back

The Agawam kids had just witnessed a sensa-

tional comeback by Bartlett High in the Division II game. That club came back from 53-34 and won the game 75-69. So, Conte had a built-in reason to keep them playing hard. And the locals got better and better as the night went along.

With 9:09 left to play in the first half, Stone and Schmaelzle had already collected 10 points each. Kristen would add six more in the half and AHS left the floor with a 30-19 lead.

O'Brien would score eight and teammate Brooke Renkens got free for nine in the comeback attempt, but they were doing it all from the outside.

Conte's defensive scheme was also magnificent. Schmaelzle played O'Brien man-to-man and forced her to the left hand. Now that really didn't hurt the six foot junior because she is talented enough to pass the ball wonderfully with her left hand (off the dribble).

But Schmaelzle limited O'Brien's looks at the rim. And when she did penetrate, Stone stepped to the middle and cut her off at the pass. It was a gorgeous help defense executed to a "T".

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# WMASS TITLE BELONGS TO AHS

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Cyndi Stone is used to getting hit when she is in her basketball uniform. The tallest member of the Agawam High School girls' basketball team is a marked lady every time she takes the court.

But she may have never been hit as hard as she was at about 7:30 last Saturday night at center court at the Springfield Civic Center. She was bearhugged and then knocked to the floor by about nine other kids. And she couldn't have been happier.

She was being congratulated along with the rest of her AHS teammates after the team had just climaxed an outstanding Western Mass. season by capturing the Western Mass. title for the first time in four seasons.

### Lakers-Celtics Type Rivalry

Stone's 21 points and 13 rebounds, along with plenty of help from her friends, was enough to turn back the top seeded Northampton High Blue Devils by a 43-35 margin. Northampton (fast becoming a Lakers-Celtics type rivalry) had eliminated the Brownies in each of the last two seasons.

Agawam had split the season series between the two clubs, but had the bitter taste of a 17 point loss on the road in February with which to contend as it entered the ballgame.

But eight-year Coach Lou Conte had a plan and his team executed it to a "T" as they played hard

and strong all day long. The defense was superb, the teamwork was Agawam-like, and the result was as sweet as it could be for the Brownies who now go to Worcester Centrum (Tuesday night—story this edition) to face the Holy Name High team that captured the Central Mass. title.

Stone has spent a large part of the season with little difficulty, but it is always a concern that she stay healthy and out of foul trouble. Conte surely noticed that she picked up that first foul with just 28 seconds expired on the first half clock. That never became a factor.

Shauna Naciewicz bent her knees nicely and got a corner set shot to drop to open the scoring. Junior Kristen Schmaelzle showed some early jitters by fanning on her first two free throws, but she recovered to drop one in from the right elbow for a 4-0 lead and Stone upped that to 6-0 by tapping in her own miss. Conte's crew knew it

wasn't going to be a shutout, although things continued to go well for a while. Liz Moulton would hit a layup and a three to get Northampton rolling, but Stone and Naciewicz hit wide open outside shots to counter

as Agawam led 10-5 as the game started to get into its rhythm.

The Brownies got that lead to 15-7 as Stone made one of those dinosaurs known as a conventional three point play and then she mopped up a beautiful "BC" formation by draining a teardrop-per from 12 feet.

### Scariest Opponent In Western Mass.

That's when the scariest opponent in Western Mass. started to rev up her motor. Point guard Betsy Gonski had just made a coast-to-coast layup for 'Hamp's sixth and seventh points, but now she was in a groove.

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First, she flew one home from three point land. She then fed Addie Stiles for a six footer to trim the lead to 15-12. Her next two acts were a slash to the goal and then a 15 foot pullup that had the Blue Devils on top and Conte signalling for a timeout with 5:27 to play. 'Hamp had the lead (16-15) and all the momentum.

But Agawam had Cyndi Stone and Kristen Schmaelzle. And these kids have shown time and again that they want the rock in the tight situations. It would be Schmaelzle who would get the lead back as she stepped into the lane for one hoop and then cut backdoor for another to put Agawam back ahead 19-16.

Senior Alison Jean takes about three shots a week on this club, but she took a big one late in the half as she swished one from 13 feet to put Agawam up five. Stiles closed the first half by scoring with a pair of free throws and Agawam went to rest at intermission with a 21-18 lead.

The second half could not have started any worse for the Brownies. Stiles worked hard for a hoop that might have got her going (she is their leading scorer) and DeMarco picked up her fourth foul with 12:41 to play. Then, big Tara Kelly finished some furious action under the 'Hamp offensive basket (they were beginning to rebound with a vengeance) and Kelly's flat-footed floater that somehow eluded Stone's big hands fell through for a sloppy hoop. Northampton would do better than the Brownies in a sloppy game. Stiles followed that with another rebound basket and the Blue Devils had claimed the lead 24-23.

**DeMarco Wins The Game**

Conte had no choice but to bring DeMarco back and take his chances that she could last. Some chance! DeMarco went out and won the ballgame for the Brownies. When she was sitting, her linescore stood at zero points. When she returned, she looked for her offense and she ran the point beautifully.

She hit two free throws at 8:18 to give Agawam the lead back, this time for good. Stone sent Stiles to the bench with her fourth foul and Cyndi hit a free throw to put the Brownies up by two. DeMarco pulled up from 17 feet and touched nothing but cords to make it 28-24. She then sank a shot from the left corner off an inbounds pass for a six point lead.

Gonski looked for her offense again and found three points on a drive to the hoop and a later free throw, but Stone would hit two free throws and DeMarco added one too to keep the lead at six (33-27) as the clock started to wind down.

Stone continued to roll with a super baseline drive (3:18) and a baseline jumper (2:11) to keep the pressure on the comebacking Devils. DeMarco made it nine points in seven minutes when she drained a pair of free throws at 1:57 to put the Brownies ahead 39-32.

Northampton scored the next three as Kelly and Gonski got them some points with the clock stopped (free throws). But Katie LaBreck sealed it with a free throw at 24 seconds that put Agawam up five. LaBreck missed the second one and Stone eased inside to put it back where it belonged as it was time to sing the ol' Agawam fight song and time to knock Stone off her feet.

Northampton couldn't do it!

**Best local news...**

**THE AGAWAM HIGH GIRLS' basketball program had plenty to celebrate at its Annual Banquet last Sunday night - a Western Mass. Division I title (to be followed two nights later with a win in the State Semi-Finals). From left - Assistant Coach Debbie Lickley, senior captain Alison Jean, senior captain Cyndi Stone, and Coach Lou Conte. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**

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Renkens got a layup to open the second stanza and Stone picked up her third personal foul in rebounding action with 15:28 remaining.

With big-game tension being shown for the moment, Schmaelzle responded with a cool banker in the lane and that ignited a 7-0 run for the Brownies.

The locals' backcourt was handled with ease by DeMarco and Katie LeBreck. They kept on whistling the ball to the middle and the destruction continued.

DeMarco's three pointer with one second remaining on the 30-second clock was the final dagger at 6:43 (AHS led, 48-32).

The Naps (20-3) showed why they were in the big game by getting a three from Caitlin Foley and O'Brien's pullup jumper on the left side. This was followed by a corner swish from Renken and it was down under 10 at 48-39. When Stone missed two free throws, the Naps came down looking to trim it to seven.

**10-1 Run Put It Away**

It didn't happen as the Brownies came away with a loose ball and ended the game for good with a 10-1 run.

Conte had his way all the way in this one. He was even able to bring his troops out one by one in Garbage Time so they could each receive a salute from the large Agawam travelling contingent.

The coup de gras came when seldom used sophomore Sue Defilipi was able to hit a runner in the lane in the game's final 10 seconds to complete the scoring.

Everything went right in Worcester I. You won't want to miss the sequel vs. Haverill High in the school's search for the state championship.



**SENIOR CAPTAINS Alison Jean (left) and Cyndi Stone are the only two graduating players from the 1993-94 team. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**

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## WMass Division I Girls' Semi-Finals...

## Brownies Outlast Pittsfield's 3-Point Barrage

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

If you wanted to play pool in Pittsfield last Wednesday night, March 9th, you wouldn't have had enough balls to fill up the rack.

All the three balls were missing!

The Pittsfield High Lady Generals took every available three ball with them to Curry Hicks Cage in Amherst, and they used every one of them in an attempt to stop the favored Brownies from Agawam High.

Seriously, the Pittsfield kids hit eight three-pointers (an unprecedented seven of them in the second half), but Coach Lou Conte's Brownies played so well that they were still able to pull away for a 51-45 win that sent them to the Western Mass. Finals (story this edition).

## Second Straight Season At The Cage

It was the second straight season that the Brownies played semi-final action at the Cage—and they had dropped last year's game to the Northampton High Blue Devils. It was also a rematch of last year's quarterfinals when the Brownies had pounded the Generals at Clifford P. Kibbe gym in Agawam.

Cyndi Stone, playing out of her mind these playoffs, had an outstanding outing as she posted up and faded away for 28 big points (18 in the critical second half).

Pittsfield played a fine ballgame and showcased a couple of talented players, including sophomore Kristy Conyers, who would deliver four of those three-pointers (all of which came at critical checkpoints in the ballgame).

Another player that shined for the Pittsfield club was a big, strong center/forward named Angela O'Connor, who was all over the glass at both ends of the building. She kept Pittsfield alive for much of the first half with her efforts. Erin and Stephanie Ladley both connected on shots that would put the third-seeded Generals ahead 10-6 over Agawam in the early going.

But Stone would heave a bullet pass over the top to her frontcourt buddy, Kristin Schmaelzle, for one hoop and then had herself on the receiving end of gorgeous dishes from Katie LaBreck and

Alison Jean to put Agawam ahead 12-10. Next, Stone would go to the boards herself to rebound home a LaBreck miss as the Brownies were really starting to flex their muscles.

Stephanie Ladley answered that run when she converted a lob, but Dina DeMarco (Agawam's point guard) seemingly drove a late, first half dagger when she was all strings from three point land. It would be the only trifecta of the night for the Brownies, but Pittsfield was just getting ready to unveil its Three-Pronged attack. Conyers came right down the floor, pulled up from straightaway out top, and threw one right in the hole to trim the lead to 17-15.

## "Whatever You Can Do..."

DeMarco, as if playing "Whatever you can do, I can do better," came up the floor, pulled up at the arc, and then tucked the shoulder and drove for a left side layup. This closed the scoring in the first half with the Agawam kids on top, 19-15.

Pittsfield's rebounding edge went largely unrewarded as it missed many shots close to the basket. Their head coach would lament when he re-emerged from the locker room, "We just can't put the ball in the basket." Deep down, he had to know that the 6'2" Stone standing in the middle on defense was plenty of reason to alter a shot or two.

Agawam got Stone's first contribution of her big second half as she muscled one home to commence the scoring and put the Brownies up by six. But Pittsfield responded with a 9-2 burst fueled by Stephanie Ladley's seven points (including her first three) and the Generals sent Conte to a timeout with 12:30 to play and the Brownies trailing for the first time since 10-6.

Schmaelzle got her number called in the timeout huddle and the prime timer stepped up and hit a nice little shot from the left elbow to put the Brownies back on top.

That's when little Conyers started her little dance again. She spat in the "Eyes of Agawam" as she took two consecutive big league threes and never touched an inch of iron. Two swishers, six points and a five point lead for the Generals. This team was no fluke. They came in at 20-1!

But it would be the coolness of the veteran coach and his crew from Agawam that would steady the ship nicely by feeding Stone and Schmaelzle for seven straight points. The last three came when Stone stood at the stripe and made three of four free throws. Two for a foul inside and two more for a technical on O'Connor.

It was a huge play because it was O'Connor's fourth foul (and the subsequent fifth disqualifying foul on the technical) and she was gone for the night.

Pittsfield showed more guts when Laura Flynn stopped by long enough to launch a three pointer to put it back on top 33-32.

Schmaelzle gave Agawam the lead again as she freed herself down low; Stone hit a free throw; LaBreck came through with a layup off a DeMarco steal and Agawam was back up by four.

Conyers just didn't stop. She nailed another three to bring her club within one and this pesky unit from the Berkshires just kept on coming!

Stone hit two free throws, but Conyers counter-punched again by slashing all the way up the court and to the goal for a rare layup. It was 39-38 Agawam.

Again Schmaelzle would hit a big basket from the left elbow and then DeMarco showed her passing skills by hitting Stone with a super out-of-bounds lob to the hoop for a five point lead.

## Generals Come Back Within Two

But guess what Pittsfield had for an answer? Yup, this time a Stephanie Ladley trifecta and suddenly the Generals were back within two.

Agawam kept on having the answers. Stone drove the stake a little deeper by scoring easily off an inbounds pass. And then the ever-dangerous LaBreck rifled home a 17-footer to put the margin at six (47-41) with just under two minutes to play.

Agawam did the free throw shuffle and made it happen. Conyers (naturally) hit another three. But this time it was desperation and off-balance (heck, it even banked in from way out top). And it was Agawam yelling and screaming wildly at center court when the final horn sounded.

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## Bob Johnson On Sports... I Like Dreaming 'Bout The Boys Of Summer

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Pretty soon guys are going to be slipping while rounding third; calling for sliders down and away; going for the resin bag; looking down for the sign at third; chasing balls that are rolling to the bullpen wall; guessing right when the curve ball is on the way; reaching over the tarpaulin to try to grab a foul ball that is drifting into the stands.

Chargin' in expecting a bunt; arguing with the first base ump on a bang-bang play; ranging into the hole and unleashing strong throws to first; warming up in the bullpen; bringing the lineup card out to home plate; spitting tobacco on the dugout steps; breaking in a new glove; hitting a ball on the sweet spot, only to see it nestle in the third baseman's glove before the hitter can even leave the batter's box.

Watching helplessly as a high flyball falls between three fielders (each of which could have made the play!); covering the plate dutifully after throwing the wild pitch which allows the runner to easily score from third; bellywhooping into second base only to be tagged out; leaning back after the pitcher delivered some "chin music."

Losing a flyball in the sun; banging hit-and-run singles into rightfield; grooving the 3-0 pitch and getting the "automatic" strike; trying to talk the manager out of going to the bullpen; arguing with the home plate ump about balls and strikes; guarding the line in the late innings.

Bringing in the lefty to face the lefty; calling squeeze play; getting hit on the shins by a comebacker and trying not to let anybody know how much it hurts; ripping drives up the power alley and motoring all the way to third while the crowd stands and salutes; walking in from the bullpen to face a major jam.

Trotting in from the outfield to get sunglasses on one of those "peekaboo sky" days; colliding with each other in the outfield; fouling a ball off the thumbs and trying to get the "bees" to stop buzzing; striking out with the bases loaded and one out; looking for the Local and getting the Express; banging into a 6-4-3 double play; taking two and hitting to right.

Bumping their fists as they round the bases after hitting one out of the yard; trying to find the strike zone; booting a routine grounder to second; failing to cover first on a bounder to the first baseman; overthrowing the cutoff man; making sensational catches as they crash off the walls; streaking from first to home on a rolling double into the left field corner.

Charging the mound after being plunked with a pitch (unfortunately); slapping their hands together after getting a solid base hit off a difficult pitcher; throwing a changeup to a power hitter on a 3-2 pitch; hitting back-to-back homers; drawing a bases-loaded walk in extra innings to win a five-hour ballgame.

Signing autographs for the kids in the first two rows prior to the ballgame; getting little loopers to fall in just out of the reach of the hustling infielders; hitting hanging breaking balls over the roof; sliding into home safely just ahead of the throw.

So, no Shaq O'Neal, I don't want you to slam—I don't care what you do. Your sport no longer has Larry or Michael, and it's baseball that has the MAGIC!

And baseball is on its way—and it will be here ... pretty soon.

## Musings On AHS Winter

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Winter's passing will be a blessing to us all. It has given all of us challenges that we were not expecting and were certainly not prepared for in many instances.

Even these potholes that fill every roadway make us shudder with fury as we watch our tires get swallowed up in them. (Incidentally, if you have a choice between hitting a pothole or another vehicle ... choose the pothole, will ya?!)...

But many things occurred at Agawam High over the winter, including that Daily Double Western Mass. Championship called for in these pages six weeks ago. Coach PHIL TOMKIEL (or should I say Hall of Fame Coach Phil Tomkiel?) got his Brownies to win the Western Mass. title for the eighth straight time and this past weekend, Coach LOU CONTE picked off his third Western Mass. crown ('89, '90, '94) with the girls' basketball team at the Civic Center...

Speaking of Hall of Fame—did you know that GERRY SMITH was voted into the Massachusetts Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame this Winter? The 25 year head man of the AHS baseball team was honored for his contributions to the sport over a quarter of a century ... Gerry's son, BOO, is now the president of the Tri-County League. My sidekick at the scorer's table for basketball has been the coach of the two time defending champion Agawam Auto School for the past two seasons ... Uh Alex, I'll take HodgePodge for \$400 please.

Just a few thoughts on the Agawam basketball title. A month ago, while the Brownies were getting their butts kicked in Northampton, Athletic Director KATHY MCSWEENEY was yelling and encouraging the kids from the stands. Some kids from 'Hamp started chiding our beloved AD and told her to go sit on the other side. Kathy just smiled and kept on rooting. Later, one of the kids yell-

ed out, "Is Agawam bad in every sport?" I guess so, but maybe he would like to stop by and view the trophy up close and personal. I love to see the TrashTalkers getting their just rewards...

Popular area wrestling referee RICH MULBERRY (who can be seen at every Brownie sport it seems) is celebrating the 20th anniversary as the New York State heavyweight wrestling champion...

Coach CYNDI GRIEVE (of field hockey fame—did I say that?) has been named as the new tournament director for the upcoming Western Mass. (Division I, II, III) softball championships (if the snow ever melts)...

The public address guy at the Civic Center made SHAUNA NACIEWICZ sound like Dr. Galakiewicz of the Bud Light commercial fame. He couldn't say that kid's name on a bet. He had a little trouble with KRISTEN SCHMAELZLE's name, too, but he had some wonderful pipes...

Saw CATHY SCAGGS (former soccer, hoop and softball star at AHS) and she is completing her education in the near future at Assumption College in Worcester. She was doing color commentary work with the crew from F & F Productions at the Girls's Finals last Saturday. That kid is the whole package. Always was. It was nice to chat with her again. I also saw Cathy's old teammate, LISA SUFFRITI, a couple of times this winter. The AHS assistant track coach and former basketball forward is doing some TV work with the crew that does some of the Longmeadow games. Maybe we have another Hannah Storm or Gayle Gardener on our hands...

So, Agawam got through the winter with two championships (and perhaps another? Conte's girls go in search of the state crown now), and no money left in the snow removal budget—that's OK, there is no more snow coming! Is there?...

## Pre-Season Golf Seminar At Fitness First

Fitness First will be the sight of the first pre-season golf seminar of 1994. The public is invited to attend this hour-and-a-half seminar on Wednesday, March 30th.

This seminar will include golf tips on proper swing and stance from Tom DiRico, Golf Pro at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield.

Psychological techniques and pre-season exercises to enhance your golf game will be reviewed

by Fitness First's Assistant General Manager, Barbara Vinciguerra. Fran Johnson's Nevada Bob's Cindy Johnson will be demonstrating and suggesting proper equipment.

Door prizes from Fitness First and Fran Johnson's will be raffled off to all who attend. The seminar will begin at 7:30 and is free to members.

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## Sports A La Carte...

# Heinsohn Says No Title For Knicks

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

You know it's gotta be Spring Training when you see a guy with a Red Sox hat sitting in the Yankee dugout. These things don't happen in July...

TOMMY HEINSOHN sez that there will be no Knicks in the Winner's Circle when June rolls around: "They will not be able to handcheck on defense like they do in the regular season and when those teams from the West roam free, the Knicks will not be able to keep up offensively." Hmmm...

"Tonight's game is brought to you in part by Shawmut Bank, the Bank of the Whalers." That's what they said on TV the other night, but my question is—would you really want to be the anything of the Whalers?...

Did you know that Red Sox reliever GREG HARRIS had more strikeouts last year than anybody on the St. Louis Cardinal staff—starter or reliever?...

Is football season really over? UMass led Temple by the following scores in the A-10 Championship basketball game—17-3, 21-3, 24-3, 24-7, 24-10, 28-14, and 35-21...

ADAM OATES is my new favorite hockey player. Sandwiched for publicity between RAYMOND BOURQUE and CAM NEELY, Oates just keeps on truckin' and keeps on getting it done.

He was the point man on defense on a recent 5 on 3 shorthanded situation, and he absolutely delighted me with his quickness, hustle, and determination as he killed the penalties beautifully (and practically singlehandedly).

I also saw a recent stat that said the Bruins were 41-15-4 when he scored a goal in a game...

That's 13 ACC tourney titles for U of N. Carolina. Experience, height, coaching, and a steep tradition should make that squad the team to beat in the NAAs, but don't for a second

forget about the possibilities of fellow ACC rival Duke or the top-ranked Razorbacks of Arkansas.

One more tourney thought—fifth-seeded Wake Forest could surprise in that wide-open SouthEast (nope—I don't believe in Purdue—COACH KEADY is too stressed out). And the Demon Deacons have won three out of four from Carolina and Duke this year...

They aren't bringing an Admiral this time around, but guys from the old Canoe Club are sure glad to see Navy returning to the post-season...

Every time that I see OTIS NIXON lead away from first base, I remember that his creaky old legs are just three years younger than mine—and mine are just a year and a half younger than ANDRE DAWSON's painful pair.

Otis will give us all he has, but I believe that we are going to be the fans who see his skills start to erode. And I suppose that there is nothing worse than watching a speedster lose his speed...

It certainly wasn't RALPH ST. LAURENT on the label, but Celtic reserve TONY HARRIS (who is now working on his second 10-day contract) had his own clothing line while playing in the Philippines last year.

I wonder what they called it—Guru de Garbage. Maybe not, but that's one famous label that totally got by me...

Anybody can win this NCAA thing, but I give you Louisville as my darkhorse choice. I believe that DENNY CRUM can get them out of that West region (only Missouri and Arizona are seeded higher and neither of them have a clue come tournament time), and then Louisville will either have Arkansas, Michigan, or UMass to beat for the right to play in the title tilt against whomever.

On with the show!...

## Lifeguard Training Offered By Red Cross/Springfield Parks Dept.

The American Red Cross is accepting registrations for the annual Spring Lifeguard Training course package to be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. March 28th through May 11th.

The course package includes training in American National Red Cross courses in Community CPR, Standard First Aid Preparation, and Lifeguard Training and is open to any strong swimmer age 15 and over. The first three course sessions will be held at the Red Cross facility at 235 Chestnut Street in Springfield, and the remaining sessions will be held at the Gerena School on Birnie Avenue in Springfield.

Individuals interested in participating are asked to provide proof of age and to pass a swim skills test during the program. Certificates of completion will be issued to participants who successfully complete the program.

Registration fee is \$80 for Springfield residents, and \$100 for non-residents. Class size is limited. Interested applicants are asked to pre-register.

Further information is available by contacting the Red Cross at 737-4306.

## Local Gymnasts Shine At Daggett National Invitational Tourney

Five-hundred competitors from 12 states (representing 51 gyms) came together at Springfield College last month (February 19th and 20th) for the Fifth Annual Tim Daggett National Invitational. Daggett's own gymnasts did well in their age divisions.

In the Elite Division, although the top honors went to Mike Dutka of Pennsylvania, Daggett's own Jeff LaValle took second-place honors, followed by Calvin Booker, Aaron Vexler, and Mark Mehringer rounding out the top five places.

In Class 3 (age 12-13 division), Darren Morace came away the all-around individual winner, with the team including John Szymczyk, Kevin Suffriti, and Ali Eslami taking second-place honors in the team competition.

The Class 4 gymnasts Jamey Houle and Patrick McFarlin faired well, taking third and fourth all-around honors, respectively. Class 5 gymnast (14-15) Kyle Roissing and Mark Hynes (nine and under) each placed second in their divisions, with Matt Perry taking fourth all-around in the 12-13 age division.

## Hockey Benefit For Thomas Dal Molin At Civic Center

The Thomas Dal Molin Scholarship Committee will be holding its Third Annual Springfield Indian Hockey Benefit on March 19th at the Springfield Civic Center.

There will be two exciting games starting at 5:15 p.m. with Teddy Bear Pools versus Teddy Bear Alumni, and at 7:15 p.m. with the Springfield Indians versus St. John's Maple Leaf.

A portion of the already-reduced ticket price will go to benefit the Dal Molin Children's Education Fund and the Thomas Dal Molin Hockey Scholarship.

Tickets are available for \$8 by calling Kip Regnier at 786-9773; Mary Lou Vigue at 786-1959; or Diane Rolandini at 736-4170.

## Agawam Little League To Meet March 29th

All parents and coaches whose children are to play baseball in April are invited to attend a very important and informational meeting at the VFW, South Street, Agawam, on Tuesday, March 29th, at 7:00 p.m.

At this time, the board of directors will answer any questions or concerns anyone may have. Dates will be given of upcoming events, tryout dates, draft dates, and opening day. Now is the time to make an effort to attend this meeting, as there will not be another one until the end of the season.

A coaches' meeting will follow this meeting; therefore, all coaches should be at this meeting.

## Agawam Little League Slates Final Sign-Up

Because of the snowstorms that occurred on previous sign-up days, the Agawam Little League will be holding a final sign-up on Saturday, March 19th, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Italian Sporting Club.

Children ages six through 12 (as of August 1st) are eligible to play. The sign-up this Saturday, March 19th, will be the last opportunity you'll have to register your child.

After March 19th, there will be a waiting list. Don't be left out—sign your child up this Saturday!

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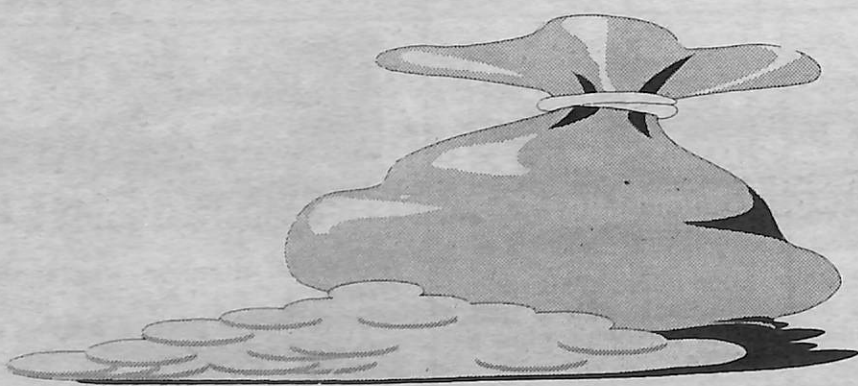
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### Fly Fishermen's Workshop To Be Held In Ludlow On Monday, March 21st

For 21 years, the Western Massachusetts Fly Fishermen have produced a Fly Fishermen's Workshop in Ludlow, Massachusetts, at the Polish American Citizen's Club on East Street.

In years past, Paul Kukonen (a noted fly fisherman and photographer) has put on interesting movies about fishing in Alaska and Canada, as well as salt water fishing for sea trout with a fly rod.

Since the club started to have the workshop, Joe Berkowitz of Feeding Hills has donated his time and expertise at fly tying at the workshop, and he also teaches every year at this time a fly tyer's school for young fly tyers (this school is also sponsored by the Western Massachusetts Fly Fishermen).

For this year's workshop—which will be held on Monday, March 21st, starting at 7:00 p.m.—the headliner will be Lou Tabory with a slide show and commentary on inshore fly fishing. Tabory is a leading proponent of salt water fly fishing in the northeast and a member of the Orvis Salt Water Advisory Team, and he has authored a book titled "Inshore Fly Fishing."

There will be displays by area dealers and manufacturers. Bargains are usually available at this time. A door prize and many fly tying demonstrations will make it an interesting evening. General admission is \$5, and children under 12 are free.

Spend a night out with the kids and start them on a clean, drug-free sport.

#### What The Politicians Fail To Utter

Markham Park, near Fort Lauderdale, will again host the Chevy Truck Sportsman's Team Challenge from April 7th through April 9th. This year, the competitors will be shooting for a record purse of \$184,000.

In appreciation for the excellent support that Fort Lauderdale authorities have provided for this project, a special fundraiser will be held in conjunction with the shoot to raise funds for the Florida Panther Research Trust Fund.

The three-day tournament is open to the public free of charge. In 1993, over 3,000 spectators attended; this year, 80 teams from around the world are expected to compete.

Montana shooter Judy Woolley (the first full-time professional shooter since Annie Oakley) was recently the recipient of the first Chevy Truck "Shooter of the Year" award. She has won championship honors in virtually all major tournaments in 1993, including top woman in both pistol and long gun events at the Master's.

The stocking of trout has been going on during the winter months by DFW. The crews have been boring through the ice in ponds and dumping in trout. The spring stocking schedule will be governed by the weather and condition of the landscape.

The trout are almost ready to go. They have been on a lean diet during the severe weather this past winter. I understand now that the traceways are free of ice, a "force feed" program will be adopted to bring up the trout to a healthy par before stocking.

There will be about the same number of trout stocked this spring as last year. However, the weight of the trout will be less.

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## AHS Ski Teams Gather For Annual Banquet



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS of the Agawam High School boys' and girls' ski teams gathered for their annual banquet on March 7th at Christo's Restaurant. From left - Joe Scherpa, Ali Rusava, Dyan DeLuce, Joana Monteiro-Grillo, Celeste Arraztoa, Matthew Bellico, and Todd Zern. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SENIOR CAPTAINS for the 1993-94 AHS boys' and girls' ski teams with their coaches at the annual banquet. From left - Joe Scherpa, Matthew Bellico, Todd Zern, Dyan DeLuce, Coach James Graveline, and Coach Glen Olsen. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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# When Going Outside To Exercise, Please Use Some Common Sense

by Bob Kuzmeski, MEd, LATC

Now that cabin fever has a firm grip on all of us and the snow that was piled up to the window sills is slowly starting to melt, it is time to get out of the house and start exercising again.

Cross country skiing, snowshoeing, downhill skiing, even walking and running, are a few of the outdoor activities you can enjoy at this time of year. These activities are a great way to shake off those winter blues that are so prevalent now.

It is also time for those athletes who have upcoming sports and competition seasons just a few weeks away to begin their preseason training. Here are a few tips regarding dressing for cold weather exercise that may be of help to you.

Believe it or not, exercising in cold weather has fewer concerns for the fitness enthusiast than exercising in hot weather. This is true because the body produces a large amount of heat from exercise. By dressing appropriately for the weather, the amount of body heat lost to the environment can be controlled by the clothing worn.

This is not to say there are not any dangers associated with cold weather exercise. Exposure of unprotected extremities to cold temperatures, or wetness and cold can cause frostbite. Frostbite is freezing of the skin, usually the fingers, toes, and earlobes.

It can cause tissue and circulatory damage that may be permanent. Hypothermia, extremely low core body temperature, is another serious impairment a cold weather sporting enthusiast must keep in mind.

When cold temperatures cause blood to be redirected from the extremities and the head to the vital organs, the part of the brain controlling body temperature stops functioning properly. The signs of hypothermia are an absence of shivering, low body temperature, sleepiness, and slurred speech.

To prevent injuries related to cold weather from occurring, dressing effectively for whatever winter time activity you pursue is of primary concern. The goal is to contain the heat produced by the body.

This is accomplished by **what** is worn and **how** it is worn. The what to wear part of the puzzle offers many options. The layer of clothing next to the skin is very important. The material needs to absorb the sweat and then "wick" it away to prevent you from getting cold.

The best material with these properties is polypropylene or olefin, but is rather expensive. Wool also has these properties, but can be very itchy next to the skin. Cotton is a poor insulator, because it absorbs moisture but does not remove it from the skin. A reasonable compromise would

be a cotton tee shirt under a wool sweater, and then an outer layer.

Outerwear has improved tremendously in the past few years in regards to keeping you warm and dry, but at the same time, being not too heavy or constricting to wear. Goretex is the best material available to meet these needs.

This type of outerwear is expensive, but if you plan on using the garment often, it's comfort and durability can justify the cost.

Nylon, treated with a waterproofing substance, is almost as good as Goretex. It is wind resistant, will keep you warm and is relatively inexpensive. If at all possible, don't use cotton blend outer garments. This type of apparel gets wet easily and does not keep the wind and cold air away from the body.

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Dressing in layers of clothing is the most effective way to deal with the cold. By dressing in layers, two important goals are achieved.

First, the air trapped between the layers will keep you warm. Second, as your body creates more heat from the activity, you can make adjustments in the number of layers of clothes that you need. Usually, two to four layers of clothes are enough.

Finally, hats and mittens or gloves are a must for cold weather exercise. A hat will keep body heat in and keep the whole body warm. Without a hat, up to 40 percent of your body heat will be lost through the head.

The reason for this is abundant blood flow to the brain. Mittens or gloves also prevent heat loss, keep the hands comfortable, and prevent frostbite. Mittens are warmer than gloves, because there is only two compartments to warm, rather than five, but wearing one or the other is a matter of personal preference.

Best of luck on your exercise program, whether your goal is general fitness, preseason training for the upcoming spring sports season, or training for the upcoming road racing, triathlon or bicycling seasons.

If you have any questions to ask Bob about fitness training or injury prevention, please feel free to drop him a line. Questions can be mailed directly to him c/o Rehab Associates and Sports Medicine Center, 201 Park Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Questions submitted will be answered in the column. If a confidential answer is preferred, please be sure to include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

"Never Be Satisfied"

this point," said Robert Johnson, the state veterinarian.

Johnson attributed the increase in cases of rabies in part to this season's hard winter with deep snow, which forced foxes to enlarge their range of territory.

The rabies situation in Vermont could be complicated by the migration of a strain of rabies-infected raccoons that has migrated from the southern states.

## AAA Boys' Weekly Basketball Standings

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Colonial Funeral Home	6	2
Valenti's Restaurant	1	7
Westfield Savings	0	8

SOUTH	W	L
Unico	8	0
Village Lounge	6	2
Agawam Police	3	5
Grimaldi & Burzduk	2	6

### 8-10 NATIONAL DIVISION

EAST	W	L
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Lion's Club	4	4
Gino Package	3	5
Alvin's	0	8

WEST	W	L
Provin Mt. Farms	8	0
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Corner Deli	4	6
Fran's Restaurant	0	10

NATIONAL	W	L
Spirit Shoppe	9	1
Auth Fuels	8	2
Valenti's	7	3
Agawam Opticians	2	8
Movie Mart	1	9

### 13-15 DIVISIONS

AMERICAN	W	L
Auth Fuels	8	2
Briggs & Starr Ins.	8	2
Provin Mt. Farms	4	6
EB's Specialty Chicken	3	7

NATIONAL	W	L
Fran's Restaurant	10	0
Worldtek Travel	3	7
Agawam Opticians	2	8
F. Hills Pharmacy	1	9

Best local news...

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### Vermont Rabies Increase

The number of rabies cases in Vermont has risen sharply since last year. Twenty-four cases of rabies have been confirmed so far this year, compared with three this time last year.

Of this year's confirmed cases, 22 foxes, a cow, and a dog were found to be infected. "It looks like we are dealing strictly with the fox rabies strain at

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## Bay West Blue Devils District 6 Champions

The Bay West Blue Devils had a productive school vacation week, picking up four wins and the Mini Mite District 6 championship.

They started out the week on Saturday, February 19th, with a regular season game against Westfield. Once again Bay West got out to a slow start, and Westfield jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead just 0:59 into the game. The Blue Devils came out smoking in the second period and scored three times to go ahead 3-1.

Anthony DiMaio led the charge, scoring two goals just 33 seconds apart. His first goal was assisted by Nick DiMaio and Zack Laponese, and Nick Petrangelo picked up the assist on the second. Zack Laponese rounded out the scoring for Bay West, unassisted.

The Bay West defensive corps of Tommy Burke, Roger Coughlin, Nick Petrangelo, and Dennis Contrada were outstanding, and Jeremy Rogalski picked up the win with some solid goaltending.

After receiving a first-round bye in the District 6 playoffs, the Blue Devils had to face Tri-City in the semi-finals. They had beaten Tri-City three times previously, but each win was tougher than the last.

After a scoreless first period, Tri-City took a 1-0 lead with one minute left in the second period. Not a team to give up, Bay West answered the challenge in the third period. Sean Astle and Roger Coughlin, with some nice work on the boards, freed up the puck for Joey Meagher, who put a hard wrist shot into the lower corner to tie the game at 1-1.

Things started to look bad for Bay West when Astle picked up a tripping penalty with three minutes left in the game. They did a good job defensively, but Tri-City went on the breakaway just as the penalty was ending. Sean Astle, however, came out of the box and was able to knock the puck away.

Anthony DiMaio continued his heroics, scoring the game-winner with 1:02 left in the game. Bay West held on for the 2-1 win and a trip to the

finals. Jeremy Rogalski was his steady self in goal, picking up the win.

Bay West had to face Westfield in the finals, which was by far the most exciting game of the season as well as the best played. Both teams traded first period goals, with Roger Coughlin scoring for the Blue Devils, unassisted.

Westfield put continual pressure on the net, and Jeremy Rogalski had his toughest test of the season. He made several outstanding saves, keeping his team in the game. Joey Meagher put Bay West up 2-1 at 2:11 into the second period on an unassisted goal, and that's how the second period ended.

Zack Laponese game them an insurance goal at 6:39 of the third period, assisted by Nick and Anthony DiMaio. Westfield closed the gap to 3-2 but just couldn't come back. Star of the game went to Jeremy Rogalski, who played his best game of the season in goal.

Also playing well were defensemen Burke, Contrada, Petrangelo, and Coughlin, while forwards Tony Boido, Mat Footit, Chris Lomma, and Chad Miller put the pressure on Westfield. Congratulations, team!!

On Saturday, February 26th, the team faced WTM in a regular season game. The team showed no letdown after their exciting game Thursday, and continued their fine play up and down the ice, gaining a 2-0 win.

Jeremy Rogalski continued his great play in goal, posting his fourth win of the week and his second shutout of the season. After a scoreless first period, Nick DiMaio notched his first goal of the season at 7:02 of the second period, assisted by Laponese and Coughlin.

Nick Petrangelo finished out the scoring in the third period, stealing the puck in his own zone and beating two defenders before knocking it past the WTM goalie. Their four wins that week boosted their overall record to 14-3-3.

## St. Mary's Continues In First Place In Tri-Parish Bowling

In the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League, St. Mary (13 wins) continues to hold first place with St. Louis (11½ wins) and St. Anselm (11 wins) attempting to stay close.

St. Mary faced last place Boston College (3 wins) and used the rolling of TERRY CERPOVICZ (288) and Captain RICH SHEEHAN (313) to remain as the league's top dog. Sheehan defeated BC Captain JOHN MLINEK (291). Sheehan is third in Men's AA at 105.34 while Mlinek is third in Men's A at 96.41.

The two winners for BC were leadoff STELLA BARBIERI (241) and JOHN LONCRINI (266). Stella is in second place in Women's C at 86.27 while Loncrini is fourth in Men's B at 94.38.

Second place St. Louis faced fifth place Notre Dame (8½ wins) and found the going pretty rough. ND winners were GLEN ADAMS (284), CAROLINE COELLN (263-262 over TONY "I'm Not A Captain" KOZAK), and team Captain AL MORRISON (341). Morrison had a rather easy time with disappointed St. Lou Captain SCOTT MASSOIA (297). Massoia is the top dog in Men's A at 106.40 but fell under the guns of Morrison, the league's strongman at 120.18.

Saving some hay for St. Lou was leadoff roller TINA FRAPPIER. Her 294 won her team 67 pins. Tina leads Women's D at 87.21. Adams is top man in Men's B at 98.19 and Caroline Coelln is third in Women's B at 89.66.

Third place St. Anselm hooked horns vs. eighth place Georgetown (4 wins) and St. A's did some impressive rolling. St. A's winners were leadoff AUDREY PHILLIPS (265), STEVE BONESTEEL (302), and Captain LOU MULDER (318). Mulder got a big charge out of defeating G-Town's out-of-sinc captain, none other than DEBBIE POIRIER, the top women's roller at 103.34. On this night, Debbie could muster no better than a 273.

The only G-Town winner was RICH SNYDER in a substitute role (339). Audrey Phillips is fourth in Women's C at 83.43 and Bonesteel is challenging in Men's B at 97.34 (second place).

St. Michael (4th place/10 wins) hopes to stay with the leaders and faced sixth place Catholic University (8 wins). But on this night, CU got the better of it when leadoff MARY THOMAS began things with a bang at 311. This was a good match as she defeated St. Mike's leadoff VENETTA SNYDER by 11 pins (300). Then, BONNIE MASSOIA defeated TERRY OUELLETTE, 277-274, and Captain JIM SNYDER defeated TOM "Not Tony" CURTIS in a rather luckluster affair, 295-273.

St. Mike's third roller, PAUL LAGODITZ, had a good night by firing a 305. Mary Thomas moved her average to 92.36, good for third in Women's A. Bonnie Massoia is second in Women's A at 94.22, and Snyder, despite an off night, is still second in Men's AA at 106.25.

In the final match of the night, seventh place Holy Cross (7 wins) met sinking Fordham (9th place/4 wins). Fordham winners were RENEE JURY (272) and Captain OLLIE MULDER (320). Jolly Ollie soundly defeated HC Captain LARRY VIENS (288). Mulder is first in Men's AA at 108.54, while Viens is fifth in Men's AA at 99.48. So there, Larry.

Winners for HC were leadoff BILLY ALDRICH (254) in a substitute role, and DON STITT (285). Stitt sits at the top of Men's C at 93.38. Renee Jury is top gal in Women's B at 93.3.

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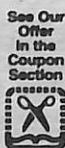
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## Riverside Announces Tentative Schedule Of Season Opener Events

It is time to fire up the engines and make sure they are off and racing at Riverside Park Speedway. The tentative 1994 season opener schedule is out for Saturday, March 26th.

The popularity of the three divisions—Modified Tour, Late Models, and Strictly Stocks—makes it a real competitive major event. Fact is, it is one of the first races to be held in the northeastern region of the country. This Budweiser special event has \$1,600 in bonus money for heat and consolation winners, thereby making the Budweiser "Big Chill" the best season opener yet.

Due to insurance procedures the week before, the season opener practice has been cancelled. The opening day practice will be increased and benefit the competitors with plenty of extra practice on Saturday, March 26th.

Riverside officially opens the pit area at 10:00 a.m. (with over 100 cars expected). Pit space is limited, so competitors are advised to come early. Remember, all pit members must have a 1994 Riverside-approved NASCAR license. Inspection for all cars will be from 10:30 a.m., with no car allowed on the track unless safety-approved. The first of several rotating practices will begin at 12:00 noon, and each division will rotate and continue until 3:00 p.m.

At 3:00 p.m., the first Strictly Stock heats will be run, followed by consolation. Practice then resumes from 3:30 until 5:45 p.m. with a quick rotating session. The traditional drivers'/owners' meeting is at 5:45 p.m., with the National Anthem played at 5:55 p.m.

The green flag will drop on the first feature race, which will open the program at 6:00 p.m. with a 20-lap Strictly Stock main event. Following this will be the qualifying heat races for the Late Models and Modified Tour time trials. Consolations will be presented next. The procedure will change with a 25-lap Late Model feature, and then the 75-lap Modified main event.

Pricing for the special event is \$12.99 for adults, and \$2.99 for kids (12 years of age and under). The pit fee for NASCAR members is just \$15; VIP owner and driver's club members are free.

Riverside races each and every Saturday at 6:00 p.m. starting March 26th. For a free color schedule, season ticket information, rules, etc., call (413) 786-9300, ext. 3264, or write: Riverside Park Speedway, Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001.

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## Meservey Family Has Rich Tradition As Races In Pro Four Modified Division

It's called a Pro Four Modified—a four-cylinder race car with modified engine, high performance pistons, ported and polished heads, high-performance carbs, and it puts out close to 230 horsepower. The cars weigh an average of 1,800 pounds with the driver and a tank full of gas. The Pro Fours are a little different these days than back when Dan Meservey, Sr. started the whole division by just having fun.

That's how it happened, says Dan, Sr., who still runs the tour with both of his sons, Dan, Jr. and Doug. "I started out in Chatham, Massachusetts, running dune buggies in the sandpits," he relates. "In 1968, when it began, that's all it was... a bunch of guys running dune buggies, chopped-up Volkswagens, and just having fun."

Dan, Sr. continues, "The guys started to get so many people watching and others wanting to join them in racing the buggies around, that they had to move to a bigger sandpit. With that came more and more people wanting to drive."

Thus, the Chatham Dune Buggy Association was born. With that came both good and bad times; a failed track effort for Dan, Sr. (which he still believes was a good idea) and a lifelong commitment to what later turned into the New England Mini Modified Association (NEMA).

Then, as NEMA, they took the show on the road. "The first big weekend we had," states Dan, Sr., "was in 1971. We ran Bear Ridge on a Friday night for \$400, and Groveton, New Hampshire on Saturday night for \$400. Then we went to Rattlesnake Mountain, New Hampshire on Sunday afternoon for \$200 because it was on the way home. The whole purse for the weekend was \$1,000."

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Times have certainly changed for the Meservey

family and runners for the division, which is now called the Pro Four Racing Series. The name, which was changed after Dan, Sr. decided they needed to get rid of the word "Mini," still crops up from time to time.

With the new name Pro Four Racing Series and plenty of hard work working with promoters and tracks, the tour started getting more shows... shows in Michigan, New Jersey, Canada, Florida, and recently Scotland (for the "older" Meservey).

The Pro Four Modifieds have had such names in their cars as Reggie Ruggiero, Jeff Fuller, Bug Stevens, Leo Cleary, Ted Christopher, and Rick Summers. Oh yes, and who could forget Bentley Warren, who (in one race) drove a Meservey car. As you can see, there have been some big names associated with these "Mini" modifieds.

From 1970 to 1992, the Pro Four Modifieds did a lot of touring around New England. Now, in 1994, for the first time the Pro Four Racing Series has what they call a home track this season at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam, MA.

Riverside Park Speedway has run the Pro Fours occasionally in the last few years, but just recently when deciding on a fifth division, the speedway management decided on the Pro Four Modifieds for limited 1994 Sunday events totally run by Riverside.

With the time changing, the names are changing, too. The drivers are now coming into the division as young as 16 years of age. Now, names like Cleary, Stevens, Fuller, and Stern are being replaced by Dupuis (an 18 year-old female), Hirt, Super, Doucette, and D'Alessandro—all of whom are young guns who are out to prove themselves.

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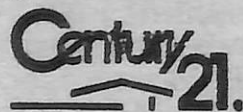
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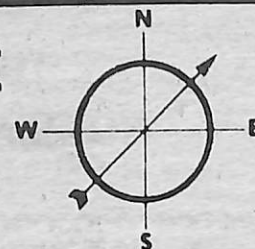
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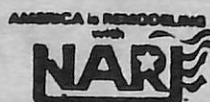
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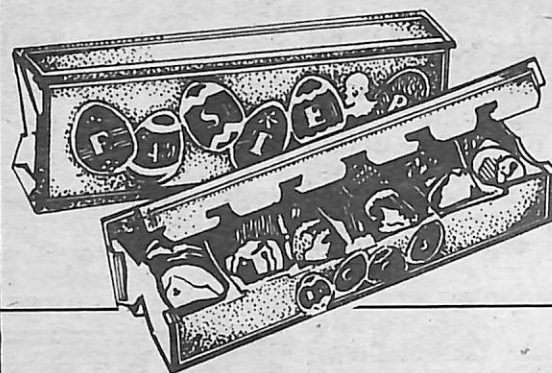


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